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## THATCHER FIRM ON TAX CUTS

### Best way to create jobs, Tories told

**By JAMES FIGHTMAN Political Correspondent**  
THE Prime Minister tried last night to stem the growing demand from Conservative MPs for higher Government spending to curb unemployment when she made clear to a special meeting of the 1922 Committee her unwavering belief in the need for tax cuts.

She said that raising tax thresholds would be more effective than larger capital investment programmes in lowering the jobless total.

The Prime Minister also tried to calm Tory nerves during a difficult period for the Government. Then, pointedly, she reminded them that "high taxes had no part in Tory philosophy."

She told them, using numerous statistics, that her second administration was doing much better than critics said.

Acknowledging that the recent Tory revolt over students' grants had shown the need for improved communications between Ministers and MPs, she added: "My door is always open."

In characteristically confident mood, she told the MPs that she was not worried about recession as there were "bound to be" changes from time to time. She was given a generally enthusiastic reception from the 250 MPs at the meeting, although some of her keenest critics were absent, being in the Commons Chamber for the GLC Abolition Bill on which 19 Tory MPs voted against the Government last night.

### Less inclined to 'hector' MPs

Some MPs said, with relief, that she had been less inclined than in the past to "hector" them during her 25-minute address.

However, her fundamental message was absolutely clear: the Government would adhere to its economic strategy despite the unemployment situation and that they all — MPs as well as Ministers — had to show perseverance.

She also tried to lift party morale, declaring: "Of course we have problems. There are always problems. But we have to keep them in perspective."

Acknowledging the differences within the party she responded with humour, ending with the message: "I wish you a happy Christmas and a united New Year."

Mrs. Thatcher's end-of-year appearance before the 1922 committee came, she said, after a year of several unexpected events, including the miners' strike and the Brighton bomb.

The most important problem facing the Government was unemployment "because of the human distress and waste." But she quickly reminded the meeting that unemployment was a problem across the whole of Europe.

Then, in a reaffirmation of

## Lawson dampens fears on lump-sum pensions

**By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff**

**MR LAWSON**, Chancellor, sought yesterday to quell public concern that he might tax "lump-sum" pension repayments by telling the Commons there was "no reason for anyone to retire early" because of the rumours.

His assurance that he had no intention of legislating retroactively in his Budget served at first to heighten confusion among MPs of all parties as to what he might have in mind.

Conservative MPs have been stalling "increasing" income tax but they see an intentional strategy by Treasury Ministers of forcing votes in which direct taxes might be imposed in the Budget to allow income tax to be reduced.

**Coded message**

Quite apart from the view held by a sizeable minority that any such move should be directed to fight unemployment, there is a widespread feeling that a "Dutch auction"

## Pessimism on eve of pit talks

**By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff**

**TALKS** to find a way forward in the pit dispute between the Energy Secretary, Mr Walker, and a group of union leaders headed by the TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, take place in London today.

But miners' leaders and the Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor were united in pessimism last night.

The NUM vice-president, Mr Michael McGahey, said after yesterday's meeting of the union's national executive committee in Sheffield that its position on pit closure terms "remains the same."

And Mr McGahey declared: "I doubt if the talks will lead to anything."

Without flexibility on the miners' part there seemed little chance of a breakthrough, he believed.

"I haven't seen or heard anything which makes me think they have anything new to offer."

Neither Mr MacGregor nor the NUM leaders will be taking part in today's meeting.

But Mr McGahey, who chaired yesterday's executive meeting, said his message in those involved was "best wishes, hopeful of your success."

### Recall plans

Mr McGahey said the union had briefed the TUC on its position and was ready to recall its 25-man executive "within hours" if today's talks came up with something.

"We are anxious to bring about a termination of this dispute in the interests of the country," he went on.

"After 10 months our people are suffering. It is getting near Christmas and even people involved and we are desperately anxious to end this hardship."

"But it must be on a principled basis."

Mr Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, saw no prospect of a union compromise on the central pit closures issue.

Scargill in court, other pit strikes, and pit closures. Editorial Comment—P14

## DHSS STAFF DELAY ENDING STRIKE

**By Our Political Staff**

Computer staff at the Department of Health and Social Security on Tyneside yesterday delayed until Monday a vote on whether to return to work after their strike which has disrupted pension and family allowance payments.

They did so after being urged to settle by Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association. He said that the stoppage had cost the union £200,000 and is to recommend the stopping of strike pay to his executive today.

Local strike leaders want to continue the strike after shifts changes—a strike that has already been abandoned by two other Civil Service unions.

### PRODUCTION UP

**By Our Political Staff**

Manufacturing production in the third quarter of the year was 2% per cent up on the level for 1983 despite the miners' strike. Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday in a Commons written answer.

### ICI U.S. BID

**By Our Business Correspondent**

A \$750 million (£650 million) agreed cash bid was announced yesterday by ICI, the pharmaceutical giant, for the chemical operations of Beatrice Companies, a US chemical group in the United States. It is the biggest American takeover so far by a wholly-owned British company.

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### THATCHERS' 33rd

**By Our Political Staff**

Mrs Thatcher, and her husband, Denis, yesterday celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. There was no special celebration planned.

### NOTT TO HEAD BANK

**By Our Political Staff**

Sir John Nott, 52, the former Defence Secretary, is to take over the chairmanship of Lazard Brothers, the merchant bankers, from Mr Ian Fraser, who retires next August.

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Mr John Wakeham, Govt. Chief Whip, who was injured in the Brighton hotel bombing, outside his office in Downing Street yesterday.

## MPs cheer return of Brighton survivor

**By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff**

THE Government Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham, took his seat in the Commons yesterday for the first time since being injured in the Brighton bombing amid the loud cheers of MPs on all sides.

Eight weeks ago he was lying buried under tons of rubble in the Grand Hotel. His wife, Roberta, was one of the five people killed by the IRA bomb.

When Mr Wakeham was finally freed from the rubble, his legs were crushed and doctors doubted whether he would ever walk again. They predicted that his legs would have to be amputated.

But yesterday he entered the Chamber on crutches—proof that his progress has been remarkable, although he is still frail.

**'Triumph over terrorism'**  
It was Mr Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, who best summed up Mr Wakeham's presence, saying: "It personified the triumph of democracy over terrorism."

Almost the whole House rose to welcome Mr Wakeham, although some Labour Left-wingers remained noticeably seated, including Mr Heffer, former Labour party chairman, and Mr Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolton.

Before going into the Chamber, Mr Wakeham said he expected to be back at work full-time in the New Year.

He added: "I can't be doing too much work yet, but it is too good to be back."

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### TRADING PROMISE

A do-it-yourself chain, B & Q, gave promises in the High Court yesterday that they would not trade in prohibited goods on Sundays. The undertakings were given after applications for injunctions were made by York City Council.

### AIRBUS ORDER

Turkish Airlines yesterday signed a contract for seven Airbus A-310 aircraft with an option for seven more. The European consortium Airbus Industrie announced in Paris. The value of the contract was not disclosed.—Reuter.

### PARTIES BAN

The 600 civil servants of the Export Credit Guarantee Department in Cardiff have been banned from holding Christmas parties in the building they share with Welsh office because of rowdy behaviour by some of them last year.

## TELECOM PLOTTERS 'STUNG'

**By ROLAND GRIEBEN Business Correspondent**

THE Government is considering whether to prosecute a group of speculators who attempted to cash in on the British Telecom share sale by making hundreds of applications.

Eight or nine speculators have been identified but the Government has already "stung" them by cashing cheques worth £500,000 submitted with the applications.

None has been allocated any shares and they are now faced with a sizeable interest bill on money borrowed to finance what was described as a carefully orchestrated operation.

The money will be returned to them eventually but in the meantime the Government is earning interest.

The speculators were caught by the merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson, who handled the £5.9 billion flotation for the Government, in "Operation Stag," mounted to stop speculators breaking rules and submitting more than one application for shares.

The bankers quickly weeded out speculators who made obvious multiple applications, but mounted an intensive investigation to catch others who had been more subtle.

### Forged names

They found that some speculators had organised syndicates, sending in hundreds of very small applications, many in forged names. The speculators reasoned that the issue would be heavily oversubscribed, and handed on getting small allocations.

But investigators examined signatures and traced cheques back to banks in their efforts to pin down the syndicates who had employed messengers to send many of the forms by post from different places and had hired hundreds of others by hand.

The Department of Trade and Industry said urgent consideration was being given to whether to start prosecutions where there was clear evidence of an attempt to deceive.

British Telecom shares finished the day yesterday at 56p, and are now showing a profit of 46p on the down payment price of 50p.

## FREEZE ON POSTAL PRICES

**By Our Business Correspondent**

POST OFFICE profits for the half-year to October rose by £2 million to £49 million and there will be a freeze on basic postal prices at least until next September, it was announced yesterday.

Sir Ronald Dearing, chairman, said the postal business made a pre-tax profit of £41 million against £38 million while GPO was down by £1 million to £8 million.

But the quality of service had dropped, with deliveries running below target level. The sharp rise in disputes was partly blamed for the deterioration.

The Post Office is meeting the financial targets set by the Government and exceeding objectives for improving productivity.

### LIZ TAYLOR'S No.8

**By Our New York Staff**

Elizabeth Taylor, 52, has become engaged to Denis Stein, a 52-year-old American public relations consultant. She met only five weeks ago. It will be her eighth marriage and Mr Stein has given her a 20-carat sapphire ring set with diamonds.

### 16 GAS DEATHS

At least 16 people were killed in a fire started by a natural-gas pipeline explosion in the Rahim Yar Khan district of Pakistan's Punjab province yesterday. Gas pressure caused the blast.

### HONDA RECALL

**By Our Motoring Staff**

Honda announced in Japan yesterday that 526,775 Accord cars made in the 12 months to August 1982 are to be recalled to remedy wiring defects.

### Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Troughs of low pressure will move N.E. across Britain.  
LONDON: S.E. and C.E. S. ENGLAND: M.B. and S. S. Rain clearing, then sun. Wind S.W. and S. moderate. Showers. Wind variable light becoming W. moderate. Max. 48F (9C).  
E. ENGLAND: E. ENGLAND: Cloudy. Rain. Wind S.W. and S. moderate. Wind variable light becoming W. moderate. Max. 48F (9C).  
CHINA: S.E. S.W. ENGLAND: S. W. and S. S. Rain clearing, then sun. Wind S.W. and S. moderate. Showers. Wind variable light becoming W. moderate. Max. 48F (9C).  
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OULOOK: Generally drier.  
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## IRA killer of soldier escapes extradition

**By LIN BALL in New York**

BRITAIN'S request for the extradition of an IRA gunman convicted of the 1930 murder of a British Army captain was refused yesterday by a federal judge in New York on the grounds that the killing was a "political" act exempt from the Anglo-American extradition treaty.

The ruling angered and dismayed British officials in the United States, and was seen as a setback by those American law-enforcement officials who have been working to curb IRA activities in America.

But District Judge John Sprizzo, who heard the British extradition application, suggested in his written decision that he had no other choice but to refuse the application.

The facts of this case present the assertion of the political-offence exception in its most classic form, he said.

For ruling means that the IRA man, John Patrick Thomas Doherty, will be allowed to remain in the United States for the time being.

### Ruling studied

But the United States Justice Department continues to be interested in Doherty, and is likely to review his case once Judge Sprizzo's ruling has been studied.

Doherty has admitted that he was among a group of IRA gunmen who took over a Belfast house on May 2, 1930, in the belief that an Army command would shortly pass by.

Three or four hours later, the house was approached by five members of the SAS. There was an exchange of fire and Capt. Herbert Richard Westmacott was killed. Doherty was captured.

Some 13 months later he escaped from a Belfast prison while awaiting a judge's ruling in his case.

Two days later, the judge found him guilty in absentia of murder, attempted murder, illegal possession of weapons, and of IRA membership.

Doherty managed to make his Continued on Back P. C13

## BUCKS FIZZ MAN CRITICAL

**Mike Nolan, 30, a member of the pop group Bucks Fizz was in a critical condition in a life support machine last night after undergoing surgery for removal of a blood clot from his brain in Newcastle General Hospital.**

Mr Nolan and another member of the group Cheryl Baker, 28, were hurried through the windscreen of their coach when it collided with a lorry on the outskirts of Newcastle on Tuesday night. Miss Baker was said to be comfortable.

### M40 GO-AHEAD

The go-ahead for the £202 million extension of the M40 from Oxford to Birmingham was given by the Government last night. An alteration in the route to avoid Oxford, near Oxford, is to be considered. Details—P15

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# POLITICAL BILL OF WORST RATE OFFENDER

By CHARLES LAURENCE

**BUREAUCRATIC** and political spending by the Labour-controlled Leicester council was to blame for the city heading the list of rate-capped authorities, a Conservative councillor claimed yesterday.

Leicester has been told to lower its rate by 56.6 per cent. next year, from 57.5p in the £ to 16.27p, the largest cut ordered by Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, under his rate-capping scheme.

Mr Terry Harris, leader of the Tory opposition, said the effect on essential services would be less severe than it appeared if the Labour rulers cut out "unnecessary" spending and followed the Government's recommendations.

These involve using about £3 million of its £5 million reserves, with an increased Government block grant and a freeze on spending to 84-85 budget levels.

Mr Peter Soulsby, 35, council leader, said the rate cap meant cutting net expenditure from £29 million to £49 million and was "impossible to comply with."

He denied that his socialist policies had led to increased spending. Mr Harris said the council's problems go back to the local government reorganisation of 1974, when most powers were removed to county council level. Labour took control of Leicester in 1979.

Mr Harris said: "In the manner of classic bureaucracies, the council sat down and invented a lot of new functions for itself." He said the entire tier of local government represented by the council was unnecessary.

He said the council, under Labour, had developed a public relations department and created an industry in equal opportunities and race relations. While some employment

## 400 school cooks sacked to save £1m

Daily Telegraph Reporter

**FOUR** hundred dinner ladies are to lose their jobs when Conservative-controlled Gloucestershire county council cuts out its entire school meals subsidy in the New Year, saving an estimated £1 million.

At present the authority loses 25p on each meal served. The meals cost 90p, but the charge to children is 65p.

It now plans to serve pre-prepared convenience foods—fish fingers, beef burgers, sausage rolls, beans and chips.

The meals will be delivered ready to heat and serve, replacing the traditional method of cooks on site brewing vast vats of mashed potato and cabbage, spag bol and custard.

The children will also help themselves, canteen-style, further reducing the number of staff required. The calorific value of the meals will be unchanged, as will the cost.

Redundancy notices to the authority's 1,150 dinner ladies are to go out immediately, with all but about 400 being rehired.

**Pilot scheme**

Mr Henry Elwes, council chairman, said the new system would be helping to provide both employment for two-thirds of the existing staff and school meals for children, since the alternative to a self-financing service was no school meals at all.

A pilot scheme introduced at the Castle School in Brockworth had been a success with the increase in the numbers eating the meals easily beating the five per cent. target necessary to make the self-financing scheme work.

**Blackest day**

Opposition to the scheme has already been mounted by the council's blue-collar unions. Three thousand workers held a one-day strike on Wednesday.

Mr David Short, leader of the Labour councilors, said: "This is the blackest day I have ever seen in this council chamber for our staff and the children of the county."

Gloucestershire is one of only eight county authorities which have consistently remained inside Government spending targets.

**RAIL CRASH INQUIRY**

By Our Transport Correspondent

A public inquiry into the Salford train crash in which two people died when an express and a petrol train collided opens at the Portland Thistle Hotel, Manchester, on Jan. 11. It was announced yesterday by Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary.

**£100m RAPIER DEAL**

By Our Air Correspondent

Indonesia has signed a £100 million order for Rapiet anti-aircraft missiles, becoming the third country in the Far East to announce a deal for Britain's battle-proven low-level air defence system.



Mr Scargill attracting an audience at the window as he sipped a cup of tea during a lunch-time break in a cafe near the court.

## Kinnock backs call for shootings inquiry

By KENNETH CLARKE in Belfast

**MR KINNOCK**, the Labour leader, yesterday supported calls for an inquiry into recent shootings of terrorists by the SAS and other undercover soldiers, which have led to renewed allegations that the Army has a "shoot to kill" policy.

But Mr Kinnock, on a day-long visit to Londonderry, stressed he was not seeking to undermine or embarrass the security forces.

The purpose of the inquiry, he said, would be to demonstrate clearly that there are orders which were clearly defined and that these were not being exceeded by the security forces.

"I think both the Government and the security forces have got a direct, vested interest in clarifying exactly what their policies are and the basis on which decisions are taken and how they are implemented," he said.

In a democracy an inquiry would not undermine the security forces, but rather help to relieve feelings of alienation by bringing matters into the open.

Mr Kinnock noted that the necessity for undercover operations did exist.

Referring to the report of the New Ireland Forum earlier this year, which sets out three options for possible political progress in Northern Ireland, all of which have been rejected by Mrs Thatcher, the Opposition leader described the Prime Minister's response as "immature and very damaging."

The Forum would be one ingredient of Labour's approach to the Irish problem, he said, adding that he was in favour of some form of joint authority in the areas of employment and economy with a "consultative" role for the Dublin government on security matters.

Mr Kinnock, who was in Londonderry to see local trade unionists, industrial and civil leaders, flew back to London last night.

## £8.75m FOR LONDON ZOO

THE Government has

come to the aid of London Zoo, which was facing bankruptcy, with grants totalling £8.75m.

Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, announced yesterday that the zoo would receive £5 million in 1984-85 and 1985-86 and up to £2,750,000 the following year.

The zoo, which submitted a business plan to the Government in October, plans to tackle a backlog of maintenance work before refurbishing some of the buildings.

**Oxford Street**

**theft alert**

A warning against pickpockets will from today be "flash" on a large illuminated sign in Oxford Street as part of a police attempt to prevent shoppers becoming victims of thieves. As an additional reminder, Scotland Yard will, for the first time, be distributing free polythene shopping bags with the slogan "Pickpockets—Don't Help Them To Help Themselves."

**German air link**

**hope for fares**

Britain and West Germany announced a major two-year experiment yesterday to encourage more competition by liberalising air transport arrangements between the two countries.

British and German airlines will be allowed to operate services more freely across the North Sea between regional airports.

**Directors' pay**

Directors' earnings were rising at the rate of just under 11 per cent. a year in the 12 months to September according to a report published yesterday by the Institute of Directors and Reward Regional Survey. The average director's basic pay was £22,500 a year.

**Textile jobs threat**

Up to 200,000 jobs in the textile and clothing industries, almost half the total labour force, could disappear over the next eight years, according to a report commissioned by the Government and published yesterday.

**Sea-pilots cutback**

Sea-pilots reacted angrily yesterday when Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, proposed legislation to force redundancy on about 500 of the 1,421 self-employed men who guide ships into port.

**Steel pay offer**

Steelworkers have been offered their first national pay rise for three years, 5.25 per cent. plus another two per cent. made up by transferring bonus already earned into basic pay.

**Docks for Trident**

Drydocks and other facilities costing £200 million are to be built at Rosyth dockyard on the Forth to refit Trident submarines.

**Jobcentre cuts**

The Manpower Services Commission yesterday passed proposals to trim the Jobcentre network with the loss of 550 jobs.

## Police planned my arrest at plant, says Scargill

By JAMES O'BRIEN

**MR ARTHUR SCARGILL**, miners' president, told Rotherham stipendiary magistrates yesterday that police had planned to arrest him when he led a picket outside the Orgreave coking plant in South Yorkshire on May 30.

Mr SCARGILL of Yewdale Lane, Worsborough Dale, Barnsley, denied obstructing the highway in Highfield Lane, Orgreave, and obstructing Chief Supt John Nesbitt.

A 35-second BBC news film of his arrest was shown to the court on three screens.

Mr RICHARD KEEN, counsel for the police, said Mr Scargill had refused to move on when requested by Mr Nesbitt. The miners' leader had allegedly said: "Stand here, lads. Stand firm."

Mr Nesbitt, in charge of operations at Orgreave, said that Mr Scargill had been at the coke works the previous day when 40 police officers and 29 pickets were injured in violent scores.

He approached Mr Scargill at about 7.30 a.m. as he led 10-100 people towards the plant. Mr Nesbitt asked them not to obstruct the footpath and to keep moving, his officers would escort them to a grassed area.

**We are staying**

Mr Nesbitt claimed that Mr Scargill said: "Lads, we are staying on the footpath. He cannot tell us where to go."

Mr MICHAEL MANSFIELD, counsel for Mr Scargill, whose case is being conducted through the N.U.M. told Mr Nesbitt: "You decided you were going to get Arthur Scargill the picket lines as close as possible. That is what happened, isn't it?"

Mr Nesbitt replied: "No, sir."

Mr Mansfield: "You hardly gave him time to breathe before he was arrested."

Mr Nesbitt said: "I think I told him three times to move. When he didn't move, I decided to arrest him."

He added that Mr Scargill's presence outside the Orgreave plant the previous day had contributed to breaches of the peace.

InsP. ERNEST BRENTNALL told

Cartoon—P15

## TUC 'Budget for poor' seeks extra £2,300m

By Our Industrial Staff

**THE TUC's** Budget submission, published yesterday, calls for an extra £2,300 million public money to be spent next year to help the poorest sections of the population.

It says the money could be found by increased borrowing, and by rejecting proposed cuts in income tax.

The TUC proposals do mark a change towards a more pragmatic approach than in previous years when the trade unions have called for a complete about-face in economic strategy.

This year they have given a more realistic "shopping list" for the Chancellor, Mr Lawson. The document says: "The proposals contained in this submission could be implemented without a major shift in the Government's strategy."

The TUC argues that the number of unemployed people claiming supplementary benefit is three times the figure in 1979, and points to a startling increase in the numbers claiming other benefits.

In contrast, it says, high income earners have benefited substantially from cuts in taxes, children's clothing and shoes.

Among the TUC proposals are:

Child benefit should be increased by £3 a week to 29-35, and dependent benefit raised by £2 to £5-25. (The cost is estimated at £600 million in the next financial year).

Higher grants for students (Cost £300 million).

Increased supplementary benefit to the long-term unemployed (Cost £200 million).

The re-introduction of the short-time working compensation scheme to encourage firms to go on to a three-day week rather than make redundancies (Cost £27 million).

Increased average weekly wages under the community programme job creation scheme from £65 to at least £72 (Cost £60 million).

Increased single pensions of £45-60 a week (up £9-80) and married pensions of £75-80 (up £16)—(Cost £390 million).

Restored cuts in housing benefit (Cost £215 million).

The TUC is against extending VAT to newspapers and books, which it sees as a "tax on learning and knowledge."

It is also against VAT on children's clothing and shoes.

## A Commission in the Women's Royal Army Corps.

The WRAC currently have vacancies on their next Officer training course starting in September 1985 at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. The selection procedures are starting now.

The Corps is looking for young women who want a more unusual and challenging career, which could take them anywhere in the UK, or abroad, serving alongside their male colleagues.

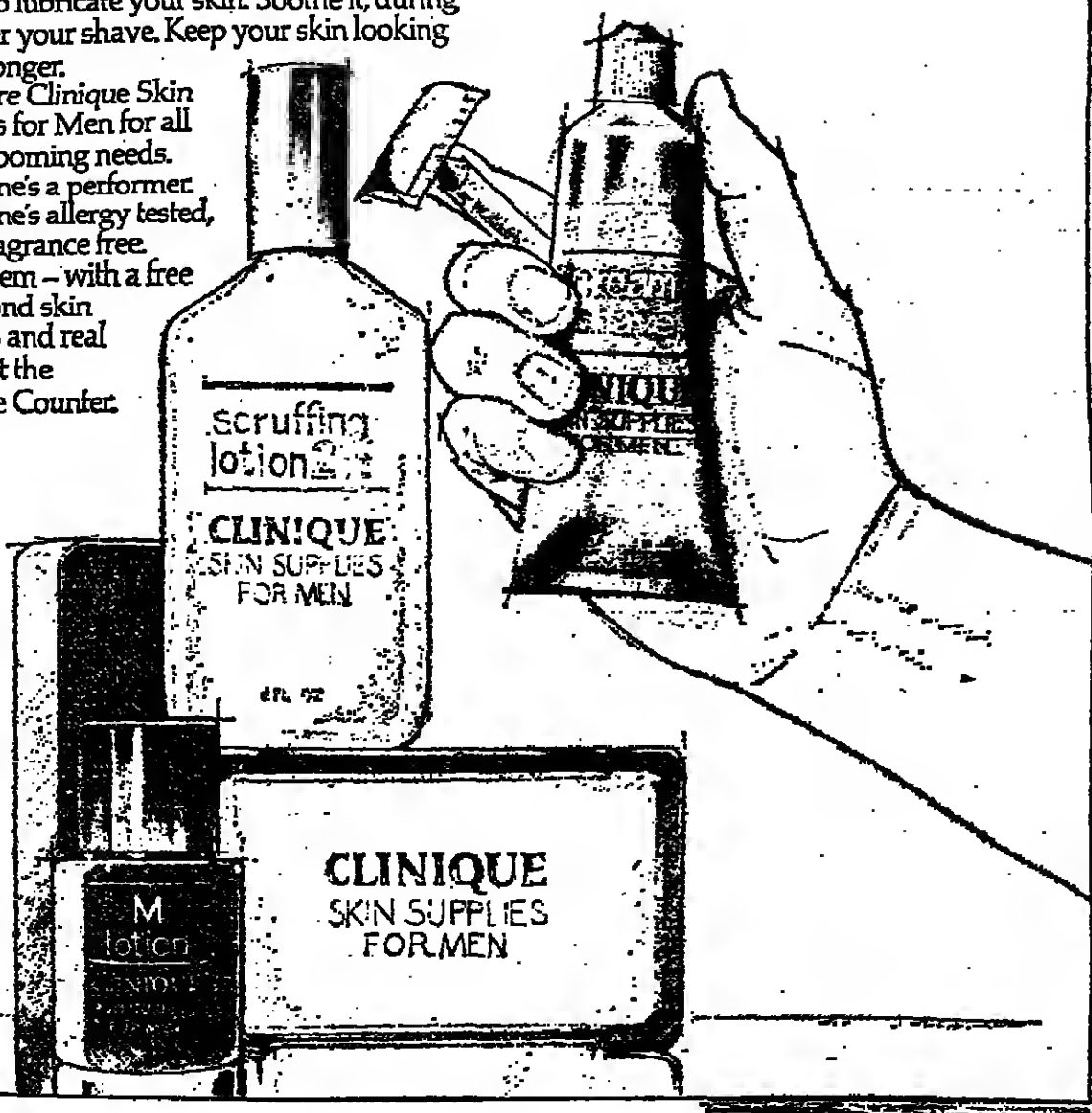
Successful applicants will initially be offered a 3 year Short Service Commission, with the possibility of extending to a Regular Commission at a later date.

If you are between 17-29 years old and have, ideally, 2 A levels, or a degree, please write for further details to Lieutenant Colonel Joan Johnstone MBE, WRAC, Corps Recruiting and Liaison Officer, Dept. J12, The Keep, Stoughton Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6PN. (N.B. Tell her your date of birth and the qualifications you have or expect.)

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# FORGOTTEN MEN FEAR OF FOUR LIBYA CAPTIVES

By JAMES ALLAN in Tripoli

THERE will be no Christmas celebrations for the four Britons held in Tripoli for up to seven months since the siege of the Libyan Embassy in London.

Instead it will be monotony. Monopoly and playing cards for the captives, who see themselves as Britain's "forgotten men," fighting boredom and uncertainty as they await the outcome of court hearings.

One of the four, Mr Alan Russell, of Hulbrook, near Ipswich, Suffolk, said during a break in a court appearance yesterday: "We have all decided we are going to forget about Christmas."

"But if there is any way you can get mail or information from our families to us it would help a great deal."

Mr Russell, 49, was arrested on May 15 after speaking by telephone to a staff reporter with the BBC World Service, calling from Algiers to ask about the situation in Tripoli following an attack on the military headquarters of Col Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

## Expired visa

Mr Russell, making his first appearance in the Criminal Court in Tripoli's court, faces five charges, four arising out of the phone call and a fifth concerning the expiry of his resident's visa.

Mr Russell, whose case was adjourned to next day for him to be legally represented, wore an open-neck shirt under a beige cardigan and listened intently as the charges were translated into English.

The hearing was held in the same courtroom where another of the Britons, Mr Malcolm Anderson, an oil engineer from Walsand, had appeared the previous day accused of carrying letters containing information and material defamatory to the Libyan republic. His case has been adjourned until Jan 12.

Mr Russell appeared in the dock reserved for prisoners on bail, facing across the court a heavily-padded metal cage in which seven remand prisoners were held.

The proceedings were strictly formal and in accordance with the Libyan legal code which required all defendants be represented by a lawyer.

## 'Not much protest'

Mr Russell told the judge and two assessors that all he had done was inform the outside world via the BBC World Service correspondent that following the attack on the barracks all was under the Libyan Government's control, ex-patriates were being treated courteously and that life was quickly returning to normal.

State security had not been involved in any way, he asserted. His aim had been merely to prevent extravagant reporting of the event to Britain.

He added that Mr Hugh Dymally, British Consul in Tripoli, had received a cable from the correspondent in London to say a letter was on the way, emphasising that the reports Mr Russell gave were purely about the normality of the situation in Tripoli.

Concerning his visa, he said the firm company when he worked as an English teacher had told him there was no need to renew it until he received his final money, and was about to leave Libya.

While the court was considering the question of appointing a lawyer for Mr Russell he was allowed to speak to the BBC and me in an adjoining room where he smoked heavily, both cigarettes and cigars.

He appeared calmer and more composed than might have been expected in the light of his ordeal. Expressing the view of himself and his fellow Britons, kept together in a villa in the capital, he complained: "We feel we are the forgotten men."

"We just do not know what is happening to us. We all feel we are caught up in something which is much bigger than us."

"We are allowed to have a

radio, and we don't hear much protest being made on our behalf, by our Government in particular."

He said the four regarded the accusations as either non-existent or trivial.

## Mail complaint

"To a certain extent I am relieved I have now come to court and something is in fact happening."

There were good relations between the four and their guards, he said. The food was generally good but it was clear from Mr Russell's remarks that boredom and uncertainty are causing depression among them.

They were also asked at not receiving letters from home and that their letters to home did not appear to be getting through. "That's very hard to hear," said Mr Russell, married with four children.

To his wife Carol, whom he has seen once, in September, he had this message: "Have a happy Christmas. Love to you all. Don't lose heart. I'm not."

Mr Russell was anxious to inquire if questions were being raised in Parliament about their fate.

Asked if he thought the British Government was doing enough for them, he replied: "I am not a politician. I am an ordinary man. And I can have trust in what they are doing."

## 'Daft questions'

While he was in court the remaining two Britons still to be charged were being questioned in the State Prosecutor's Office on a floor above the courtroom.

Mr Michael Berdinner, an English lecturer at Tripoli University, was arrested on May 15, and Mr Robin Plummer, a British Telecom engineer, was detained the previous day.

Before being driven back with Mr Russell to their villa Mr Plummer complained: "There were daft questions again about telephone numbers, car registration numbers. I've had one of the maps I was arrested with."

Mr Plummer, who was stopped after doing a U-turn on the university campus in Tripoli, said: "Let's be absolutely clear, I have done nothing wrong. Tell the whole world I have done nothing wrong."

"If I go in jail I have been stuck in. I want to come home keeping our chios up as high as we can. It's pretty tough going but come on now, everybody, do the best you can for us."

The British Consul who spoke to him briefly said he would do what he could to meet Mr Plummer's request for "some warm woollies."

Mr Plummer explained: "It's frightfully difficult to be British when you're standing there trembling with cold."

## MURDER TRIAL HALTED BY 'LOST' WITNESS

A murder trial jury at Bodmo Crown Court, Cornwall, was dismissed yesterday and a retrial ordered after the chief prosecution witness failed to appear.

Thomas Ream, 50, of St Mary's Road, Bodmin, denied murdering Mr Gino Panetta, 62, his landlord, and burying his body in cement in the garden of the bungalow, where they both lived.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith adjourned the trial on the fourth day after police had failed to trace Mrs Sue Catlin, who was alleged to have witnessed the killing.

# Teacher says 75 pc of boys smoked cannabis

By GUY RAIS

A LONDON teacher, accused of supplying drugs to teenagers, claimed during evidence at Inner London Crown Court yesterday that about three-quarters of the boys he taught were cannabis smokers.

Richard Catherwood, 39, who said he had not encouraged his pupils to smoke cannabis, told the jury that some of them produced "quite sizeable amounts of grass" in class.

He added: "I told them to get away, saying they did not need drugs and that school was for learning."

Asked by Judge Suzanne Norwood if he had reported them to the school authorities, Catherwood, who was employed by the Inner London Education Authority, said: "I did not want to allow the law to be broken, but I did not wish to antagonise my pupils."

"Some of them were quite capable of taking me by the scruff of the neck and throwing me through the window."

Catherwood, who repeatedly broke down in tears during the fourth day of his trial, claimed he had been attacked by fellow prisoners while on remand in Ashford Prison.

South African-born, Catherwood, of Melbourn Grove, Dulwich, who was suspended from his post as a supply teacher on his arrest six months ago, denied six charges, including supplying and offering to supply LSD, cocaine and cannabis resin.

He admitted three charges of supplying cannabis resin, LSD and cannabis. All the offences were alleged to have taken place between January 1983 and June this year.

The court was told that Lee Sawyer, a 16-year-old boy who fell to his death from a high-rise block of flats in East Dulwich, was found to have taken LSD tablets. It was alleged that Catherwood supplied the tablets to another boy who passed them to Sawyer.

The trial was adjourned until today.



A pleasant awakening yesterday for Cambridge scientist Dr. Cesar Milstein, joint winner of the Nobel Prize for Medicine, who was being offered traditional coffee and cakes in his Stockholm hotel bedroom by Ylva Munsberg, in the role of Lucia, Queen of Light.

## News Round-up

# BEATLES WIN ROYALTIES BATTLE

THE Beatles yesterday won their multi-million pound High Court claim against EMI. They could get as much as £4 million in underpaid royalties and interest.

The action for underpaid royalties was brought by APPLE CORP LTD, the company owned by Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr and Yoko Ono, John Lennon's widow.

Mr Justice Peter Gibson said: "It is common ground that there are many matters that need investigation."

The judge said there were a number of agreements between the Beatles and EMI after they started their "meteoric rise to fame" in 1962.

Accountants claimed they had been underpaid on royalties by as much as £2,518,348. But accountants on both sides are going to have to work out precise details and when interest is added for the past 20 years the figure could double.

## Celtic fans

### attacked players

Joho Tobin, a Glasgow Celtic fan who punched Rapid Vienna's goalkeeper, Herbert Feurer, was yesterday jailed for three months by magistrates at Stranecourt Court, Manchester. Tobin, 31, unemployed, of Treefrest Road, Coventry, admitted using threatening or abusive words and behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Also in the court was Hugh Honeyman, the fan who attacked a Rapid Vienna player, Peter Paculi, as he was leaving the pitch following Celtic's defeat at Old Trafford, on Wednesday. Honeyman, 31, of Mansfield Hill, North Chingford, Essex, who also admitted using threatening or abusive behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace, was remanded on bail until Jan 10.

## Tramp's corpse

### still missing

Mr Robert Lenkiewicz, 41, the artist who embalmed the corpse of a tramp named Diogenes said yesterday that he did not know the whereabouts of the body. He said it had been moved three or four times and was now safely hidden.

Diogenes, real name Edwin McKee, 72, was given his nickname because, like the Greek philosopher, he lived in a barrel. His last wish was that Mr Lenkiewicz should embalm his body and keep it but health officials in Plymouth, where the artist has a studio, want the body buried.

## Sailor took drugs

A Junior Bating Martin Lynch, 20, who turned to drugs and drink after his ship, the Atlantic Conveyor, was sunk in the Falklands war, was dismissed the service and jailed for a year yesterday at his Portsmouth court martial. He admitted six charges of possessing and supplying cannabis, LSD and amphetamine sulphate.

## Boxer's brother jailed

Garry Cable was sentenced by a Monich court to 18 months imprisonment for causing grievous bodily harm to two Germans in a Munich bar room brawl shortly before a bout in which his brother, Jim Cable, lost his 'fight' Middleweight title to Georg Steinhardt in September.

## Aintree fire

A fire in the Conoty Stand at Aintree racecourse, near Liverpool, home of the Grand National, is not thought to have been caused deliberately, an initial inspection by fire experts concluded yesterday. The blaze began late on Wednesday.

# Jury in 'do not quit' plea to schoolmaster

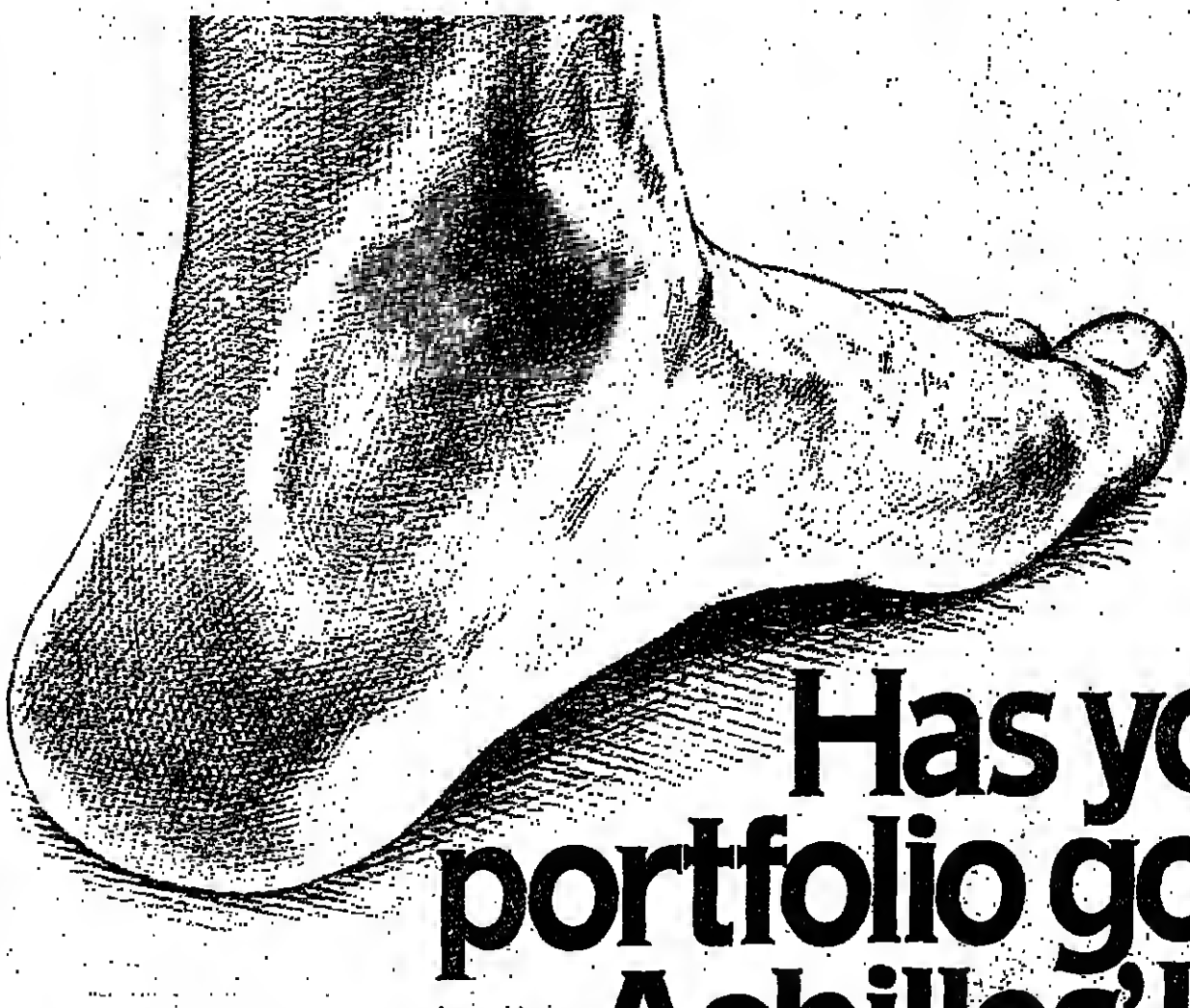
A JURY acquitted a teacher of assaulting a pupil yesterday and sent the judge a note saying: "We feel it would be very sad if he gives up teaching as the result of this case."

The judge, Assistant Recorder Jonathan Van der Werff told the teacher, Thomas Evans, at Wood Green Crown Court: "I would like to echo those words and I hope you will reconsider what you said in the witness box."

Evans, 49, father of four, of Raker Street, Enfield, had said that because of the assault alle-

gations he felt he wanted to give up teaching after 26 years. He had denied banging the head of a "foul-mouthed" 14-year-old boy against a metal cupboard, causing cuts and bruising during a chess club meeting at Ambrose Fleming School, Enfield in November last year.

Mrs Helen Gibson, Q.C., acting for the NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS, said: "It is the situation that anarchy should reign in schools because teachers are scared of ejecting a foul-mouthed youngster from the classroom? Mr Evans acted as any good teacher would. Anarchy does not yet reign in the schools of North London."



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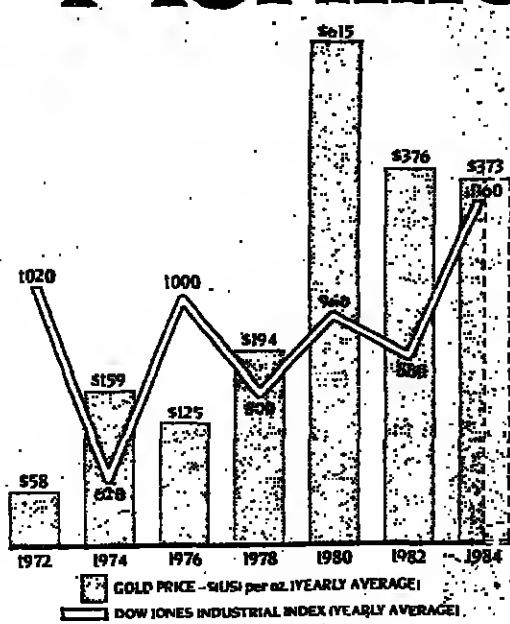
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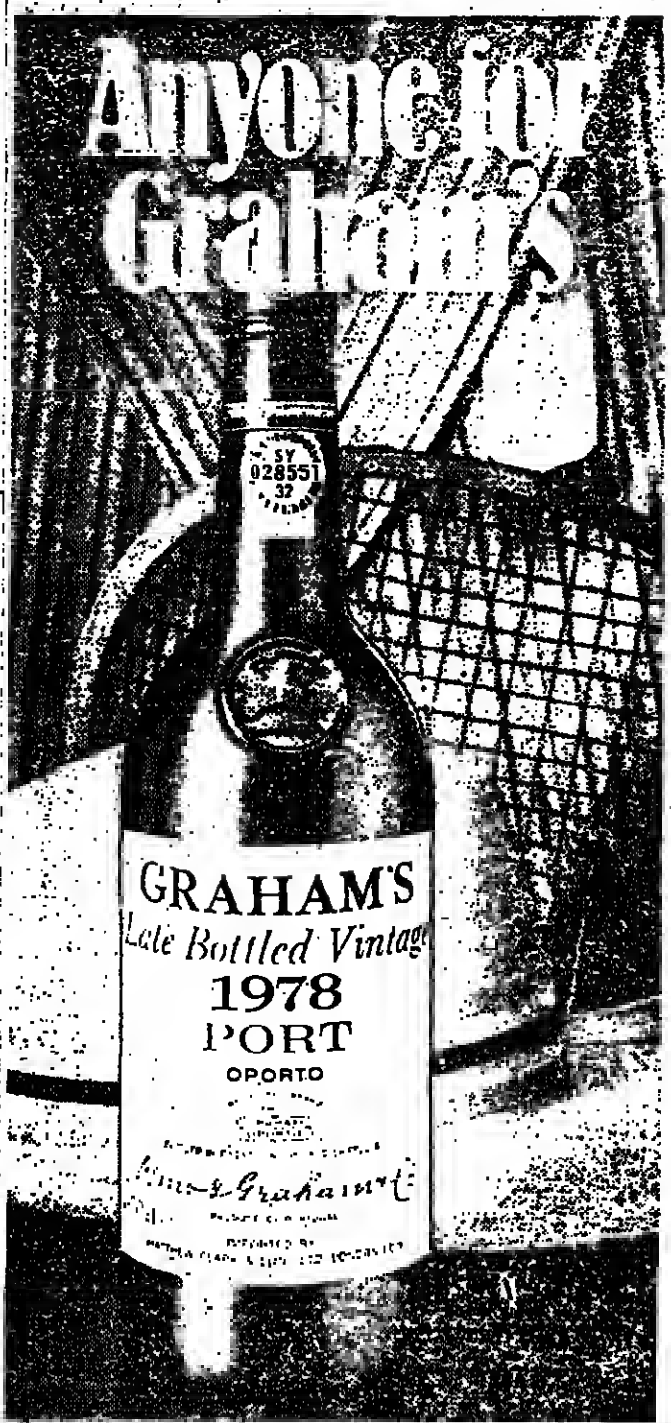


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# 'Compassion' of authoress in death case

AN Old Bailey jury was asked yesterday to release the novelist Helen Charlotte Hough from the "agony" of a murder trial.

Mr GEORGE CARMAN, Q.C., defending, asked them to clear Mrs Hough, 60, of "the most serious charge in the criminal calendar," and to find her guilty of assisting a suicide.

Mrs Hough, of Ivor Street, Camden Town, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Miss Annetta Harding, 84, who lived at an old people's home in Fitzroy Road, Camden.

Miss Harding, almost blind and arthritic, had talked of suicide for many years and Miss Hough is alleged to have helped her to take her life.

"You must think that this is one of the saddest cases a British jury has ever had to try," said Mr Carman.

"I'm not going to try to exploit your sympathy, but you may think that whatever Mrs Hough did on that tragic day was done out of compassion, unselfishness and mercy for a pitiful human being."

## 'Finally gave in'

Mrs Hough was not called to give evidence herself, but Detective James Brady said that without her "candid" confessions she could not have been charged with murder.

He said Mrs Hough told him that she had tried to dissuade Miss Harding from taking her own life, but had finally given in to her demands.

When Mrs Hough arrived at Miss Harding's room the old lady had prepared everything "beautifully" for her suicide, including a neatly written list of details on how it should be carried out and a plastic bag tied with a red ribbon.

Miss Harding took a handful of sleeping tablets and set in a chair. When later, she was still alive, Mrs Hough said she sat "nervous" herself for two hours "before finally putting the plastic bag over her head. 'I couldn't break my promise for her not to survive.'"

The trial was adjourned until today.

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# EURO-MPs VOTE DOWN EEC BUDGET PLANS

By ALAN OSBORN *Common Market Correspondent in Brussels*

THE European Parliament voted by 319 to five yesterday to reject the 10 EEC Governments' Budget proposals for 1985. There were 16 abstentions.

Lacking a new spending authority next year, the EEC Commission will be limited to spending only on the basis of 1984 levels (each month's outlays not to exceed one-twelfth of 1984 spending).

This will give rise to some problems, but a similar situation in 1980 did not last long and caused no great damage.

Big payments to farmers from the Budget do not arise until spring, and in any case Community Ministers can demand early payment of farm funds should they feel this necessary.

The Parliament's rejection of the Budget will nevertheless cause considerable financial difficulty in the New Year. It might mean cutting back routine spending on administration and publicity.

## Hopes for deal

Various Euro-MPs were hoping yesterday that the EEC Budget Ministers might meet before 1985 to negotiate a deal to allow the Budget through, but Government officials said this was unlikely.

In previous years the tradition has been that Ministers meet Euro-MPs before the end of the year to agree budget terms.

The move to reject the Budget yesterday was backed by all the British Euro-MPs in Strasbourg.

The Marquess of Douro, Budget spokesman for the Conservative group and Euro-MP for Surrey, said the Budget was rejected because it was "false". It did not include all

the estimated revenue and expenditure for the year.

Lord Douro added that the effects of the rejection would be felt in the early months of 1985, but aid to Africa would not be interrupted.

The Budget, approved by Ministers of the 10 Governments, totals about £16 billion. The Parliament seeks spending of some £17.5 billion over the next year.

The Governments have indicated they will increase spending by nearly £1 billion provided extra EEC income is guaranteed next year.

W. German proviso But there is a big question-mark here. West Germany has said she will not agree to any increases in EEC income before the EEC is enlarged.

It now seems most unlikely there will be an enlargement before the scheduled date of Jan. 1, 1986, and it could be much later than that.

Many Euro-MPs were disappointed that the Budget Ministers had not arranged a meeting this week to try to come to terms with the Parliament on 1985 spending.

Traditionally the two sides get together shortly before the year's end and agree a figure for next year's spending. Although the Ministers were

felt this year to have made substantial concessions to the Parliament on the level of spending, their refusal to have a meeting this week has

## Anniversary action call by Walesa

By ROBIN GEDYE  
Diplomatic Staff

MR LECH WALESA, leader of the banned trade union Solidarity, called for "open action" against Poland's Communist government yesterday on the third anniversary of the declaration of martial law.

While the Communist party newspaper *Tydzienka* marked the anniversary with a pledge that political opposition would be stamped out, Mr Walesa called on the support of "all union activists" for his initiative.

In a reference to more than four million people who are said to have joined official trade unions since Solidarity was banned, Mr Walesa said: "None of us can participate in lies to help overpowering ourselves and others."

"Solidarity is alive. It is a big national movement striving for the respect of human rights and the dignity of every man in Poland. What we need now is a new, open action for trade union pluralism, as a national cause."

The anniversary was marked by nationwide church services and articles on the crisis in all major newspapers.

Solidarity supporters in London held a candlelight vigil outside the Polish Embassy. The demonstration was addressed by Mr Peter Shore, Labour's Shadow leader of the Commons.

## £9m CLAIM OVER SHOT-DOWN 747

By OUR TOKYO CORRESPONDENT

The families of six Japanese passengers in the jumbo passenger jet shot down by a Soviet fighter last year are expected to claim £9 million damages from Korean Air Lines in a civil action which begins in Tokyo on Monday.

Twenty-eight Japanese were among the 263 passengers and crew who died when the Boeing 747 was destroyed in Soviet air space north of Japan in September last year.



Mr Billy Nair, an official of the Natal Indian Congress, enjoying a bath in Durban yesterday after leaving the British Consulate where he had taken refuge with two other anti-apartheid campaigners for the last three months. He went free but his companions have both been charged with treason.

## Five of 'Durban Six' to face show trial

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

EIGHT members of anti-apartheid organisations in South Africa, including five of the original six men who occupied the British Consulate in Durban, are to face a show trial early next year on charges of high treason.

This emerged yesterday when two of the three fugitives who quit the British Consulate on Wednesday after a three-month sit-in appeared before Durban magistrates on allegations of subversion, sabotage, terrorism or promoting the aims of a banned organisation.

Archibald Gumede, national president of the United Democratic Front (UDF), the umbrella body for anti-apartheid groups, and Paul David,

## SPY-CASE PAIR LOSE PLEA

By IAN MILLS  
in Harare

TWO detained white Zimbabwean intelligence officers have failed in a High Court attempt to obtain their release.

Colin Evans, 28, and Philip Hartlebury, 31, have been in detention since January 1983, when they were acquitted in the High Court on charges of spying for South Africa.

Both have been in jail continuously since their initial arrest in December 1981.

The two brought a High Court action last month appealing to the court to set aside a Detainees Review Tribunal recommendation that they stay in jail.

But Mrs Justice Mavis Gibson upheld the Tribunal's view that their release might still endanger the safety of Zimbabwe.

## Under duress

Judge Gibson also rejected defence arguments that the Tribunal's decision was unreasonable because it had not considered what the two would do if released.

Judge Gibson supported the Tribunal's argument that the men had spent for South Africa in the past, therefore there would be nothing to stop them going to South Africa and joining the forces, already there, to act against this country.

She added: "In my view the spy put into pasture in a peaceful South Africa is just as capable of wreaking havoc to the security of an enemy State 8,000 miles away or more as any spy whose cover is still unblown."

Mr Hartlebury and Mr Evans were members of the post-independence Central Intelligence Organisation when they were arrested.

The judge at their initial trial acquitted them of spying after finding that statements from the men had been obtained under duress.

Concern for son Family and friends of Colin Evans say he has become greatly strained in detention worrying about his son David, 10, who suffers from muscular dystrophy.

His wife, Coleen, has spoken publicly about the problems of obtaining treatment for the child. The illness is regarded by medical experts as terminal during a child's teenage years.

Mrs Evans has also spoken about the financial strains caused by her husband's detention and by the confiscation of their property after the Government's seizure of his assets.

Defence lawyers said they were still studying Mrs Gibson's verdict, with a view to appealing.

## CALL TO CLOSE TAIWAN PITS

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

In the wake of Taiwan's third mining disaster in six months, Hsu Li-Teh, Economic Minister, called yesterday for the closure of all coal pits in the country. As far as safety and economic value were concerned, they had lost their usefulness, he said.

The death toll this year stands at 260, with 95 miners killed last week.

## Civilians killed in Israeli tank sweep through Lebanon

By DAVID ZORIAN in Lebanon

ISRAELI tanks yesterday advanced through eight South Lebanon Shi'ite villages, killing two civilians and wounding several others. Lebanon's initial reaction was to call for a general strike tomorrow in the occupied territories.

But then there was a demand for a break in the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal negotiations.

In fact, the 10th round of the UN-sponsored talks, due yesterday, was postponed after bad weather prevented the Lebanese team reaching the conference site.

Mr Timor Goksel, spokesman for the UN peacekeeping forces in South Lebanon, said the dead, a man and a woman, were taken to a Maarak, one of the villages caught in the Israeli search and arrest operation.

'Oppressive measures' Lebanese radio stations described the action as part of "Israel's oppressive measures against the population of South Lebanon." Dozens of Israeli tanks and hundreds of troops had surrounded the villages.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli Army acknowledged the sweep but denied its soldiers had killed anyone. It said 30 persons were arrested and large quantities of arms and ammunition seized.

Lebanon last month suspended the troop withdrawal negotiations for 10 days to protest at the arrest of four Shi'ite community leaders in South Lebanon. Officials said a repeat of yesterday's Israeli operation could force another suspension.

## NEW PEACE MOVES

Letters exchanged

MAHER ASHER in Jerusalem writes: Intensive behind-the-scenes activity on Middle East peace moves was reported yesterday between Shimon Peres, Israel's Prime Minister, and King Hussein of Jordan. The two have exchanged letters via the United States.

The exchange takes additional importance in view of the announced meeting between King Hussein, President Mubarak of Egypt and PLO leader, who are said to be co-ordinating their policies on the Palestinian question.

## Belize 'Father' tipped to win by a whisker

By DAVID SHEARS in Belize

VOTERS in Belize, the former British Central American colony, go to the polls today to decide whether to grant Mr George Price, the "Father of the Nation," a new lease of political life.

The election, the first since Belize became independent in 1981, comes at a time when neighbouring Guatemala is soft-peddling territorial claims to Belize, a threat which resulted in the continued presence of a British garrison here.

Indeed, the Guatemalan claim is not an issue in the election campaign. Both Mr Price's People's United party and its main rival, the United Democratic party, welcome the shield provided by Britain's 1,800 troops, with their Scorpion armoured vehicles, two Harrier jump jets and eight helicopters.

Mr Price's main opponent, Mr Manuel Esquivel, leader of the United Democrats, rates as less charismatic than the Prime Minister, who has held sway for more than 30 years.

But his party won nearly 47 per cent of votes in the last election in 1973, even though it landed only five of the 18 Parliamentary seats at stake.

Weathering storms Today's result is expected to be close, with Mr Price widely tipped as the likely hairbreadth winner.

Disposition election talk of Mr Price leading the country to bankruptcy finds little echo among the business community. British businessmen in Belize give Mr Price credit for helping this little land of 150,000 people to weather the economic storms much better than bigger developing countries.

Whichever party wins, the result is likely to have little impact either on business confidence or the continued stay of the British garrison.

Mr Price, a vigorous, slender bachelor, who lives in almost monastic simplicity, is an effective campaigner.

Standing under the stars at a roadside rally in Ladyville, outside Belize City, he delighted his 200-strong audience by ridiculing the promises of opponents.

"The other side promises to build a big fountain in Candelaria Plaza, the square now used as a bus station," he said. Then where would the buses park?

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# BHOPAL EXODUS AS PLANT PLANS TO USE GAS

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

THE hard-pressed Madhya Pradesh administration appealed to New Delhi yesterday to make Army units available in Bhopal to aid the civil services in any mass evacuation.

Several special transport and medical units are already in the vicinity of the gas-stricken city and these will be reinforced as the exodus of refugees goes on.

Some 100,000 people fled yesterday after Tuesday's announcement that the remaining 50 tons of gas was to be used by restarting the Union Carbide pesticide plant on Sunday.

In Delhi, a Defence Ministry spokesman said troops had entered Bhopal and were helping to treat gas victims and set up emergency camps for those leaving the city. More than 4,000 police reinforcements had also moved into the area.

It appears that most people living in the slum districts worst affected by last week's gas leak are prepared to flee before Sunday. Some 250,000 people are involved.

## 'No panic' plea fails

Mr Arjun Singh, the Chief Minister, has made repeated appeals for people not to panic but to no effect.

Radio broadcasts have assured the people that the minister will be in the plant's control room on Sunday and remain there as long as the production cycle is completed. The radio has also said that some of the world's top scientists will supervise the operation.

At the same time Union Car-

# Colombo hits at India in war of words

By DAVID GRAVES  
Colombo

THE diplomatic row between Sri Lanka and India over the campaign by Tamil rebels for a separate state in the north of the island deteriorated into an unprecedented war of words yesterday.

After India alleged "indiscriminate killing" of Tamil civilians by Sri Lankan troops, Colombo accused New Delhi of turning a "blind eye" to rebels training in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, 20 miles across the Park Strait divide from Sri Lanka.

A Sri Lankan statement said: "Terrorist leaders live openly in Tamil Nadu, make statements in the Indian Press and are received by leading Indian political personalities."

The four-page statement was issued in Colombo after Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Indian Prime Minister, had made the strongest condemnation so far of increasing Sri Lanka violence, which has claimed more than 570 lives.

Mr Gandhi also urged the Colombo Government to resume political negotiations which would meet the "legitimate aspirations" of the 2-6 million Tamils in Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankan response, issued by Mr A. C. S. Hameed, Foreign Minister, said: "It is a matter of surprise and regret that the Prime Minister has chosen not to make any reference to the escalation of terrorist violence which has led to the brutal killing of innocent civilians."

hide began calling back its factory staff and most of the 1,200 employees will be on duty while the plant for Sunday are being worked out on the same lines as a military operation.

Yesterday scientists from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research were joined by others from the Institute for Research on Petroleum and Chemicals and a special team from the Meteorological Survey.

The latter includes scientists who have experience in forecasting weather conditions for mountain expeditions, including Everest, from data gathered in New Delhi.

Their role is crucial. They have to predict wind direction and speed and to constantly monitor changes so that in the event of a new leak an adequate warning can be given to those in the line of the cloud formation.

Thousands of labourers were marshalled yesterday to hurriedly set up emergency tented townships some distance from Bhopal to provide accommodation for the poorer refugees. The authorities said some 125,000 would be housed before the reopening.

As all attempts to stem panic appeared to have failed yesterday 40,000 people crammed on to buses, trains and bullock carts to get away while many thousands more simply walked.



The ballerina Galina Panov leaving Downing Street yesterday with a member of the Women's campaign for Soviet Jewry suitably disguised after delivering a sack of Christmas cards for Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, the Kremlin's No. 2, who will be visiting No. 10 during his one-week visit to Britain which begins tomorrow. Miss Panov left Russia 10 years ago after years of persecution.

# Australian judge to stand trial

By DENIS WARNER  
in Melbourne

MR JUSTICE MURPHY, of the High Court of Australia, is to stand trial in February on charges of having attempted to pervert justice in a case against a Sydney solicitor, Mr Morgan Ryan.

No other judge of the High Court or any other court in Australia has ever been charged with a criminal offence.

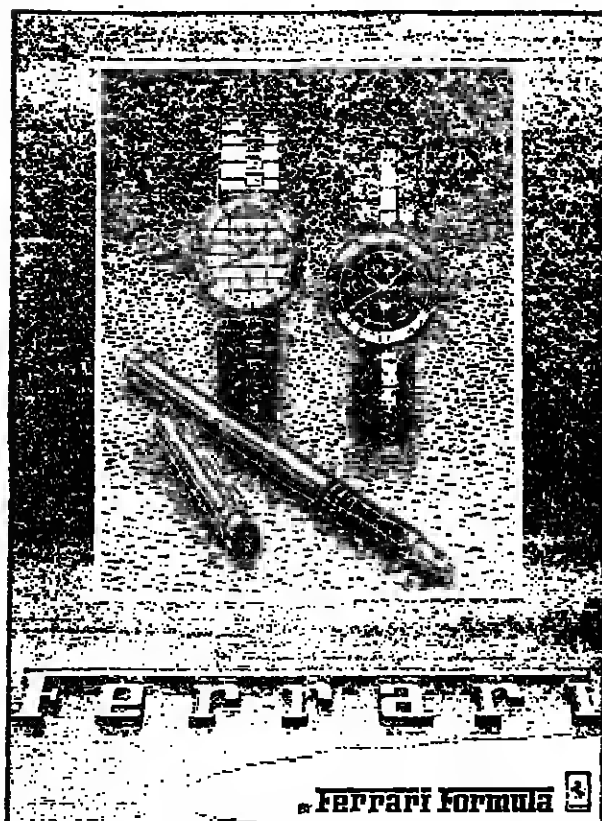
Mr Justice Murphy, 62, who was Attorney-General in the Whitlam Labour Government from 1973 to 1975, has taken leave from the High Court.

## Right waived

He said yesterday: "I have not committed any offence. I have waived my right to a committal hearing in order that the air can be cleared as soon as possible."

Early this year an alleged transference of tapes involving criminal records and Government officials appeared in the Melbourne Age. Those were said to have included conversations between Mr Justice Murphy and a Sydney solicitor, Mr Morgan Ryan, who was on a charge of conspiracy.

During Senate committee inquiries the senior stipendiary magistrate in New South Wales, Mr Clarrise Brisbane, and Mr Justice Flannery, who heard the charges against Mr Ryan, testified that Mr Justice Murphy had wanted to influence their handling of the case.



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# 'Jet-set' legal teams criticised in U.S.

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

THE American lawyers who have flocked to Bhopal in search of clients for multi-million dollar damage claims against Union Carbide were denounced yesterday as "jet-set ambulance chasers."

## TWO VIEWS AS LAWYERS FLY IN

By BALRAM TANDON  
in New Delhi

THE arrival in Bhopal of several teams of leading American lawyers seeking damages for disaster victims has aroused mixed reactions from Indian advocates, jurists and newspapers.

In Bhopal lawyers were divided into two groups: those willing to work with the Americans and those seeking government action to prevent them from meddling. One Leftist newspaper headlined its story: "The vultures are here."

The man who has attracted most attention is Mr Melvior Belli, the flamboyant lawyer who has already sued Union Carbide for millions of pounds as compensation for the victims of the gas disaster.

Mr Belli was invited by the Rotary Club soon after his arrival to talk on his celebrated cases and the Bhopal issue. Lawyers sought his views on the old British law of "sovereign immunity" applied to India since the last century.

Indian lawyers say that though the law was revoked in Britain in 1947 it has continued on the Indian statute book and could save the Madhya Pradesh and New Delhi governments from paying compensation in cases filed elsewhere.

## 1865 judgement

Mr Belli and the other American lawyers who have arrived argue that a judgement delivered by the House of Lords as far back as 1865 would apply. Then the Lords held the law could be waived when disasters occurred because of criminal neglect.

Mr Belli is being assisted by three other American lawyers, Mr Michael Rubin, Mr John Hill and Mr Danodur S. Arian. Another American, Mr John Coale, has signed an agreement with 5,000 of the sufferers and bereaved and another with Mr R. K. Bisara, the Mayor of Bhopal, to press the corporation's claims for damages.

## BRITONS HELD AFTER £1m DRUGS HAUL

By Our  
Madrid Correspondent

Two couples from Liverpool are in a Malaga prison after police claim to have seized drugs worth a street value of £1 million at their rented flats on the Costa del Sol.

Bail totalling £366,000 was set for Ronald Gordon, 38, his wife Patricia, 25, Michael John Gault, 37, and Susan Divers, 34. A Moroccan aged 31, from Katanina, in the Rif mountains, was arrested with them. Police also seized 225,000 in foreign currency and some vehicles, one said to have been fitted with secret compartments.

Mr Joseph Lieberman, the Attorney-General in Connecticut, where the chemical corporation has its headquarters, spoke against lawyers trying to cash in on last week's poison gas tragedy.

The lawyers could earn millions of dollars if they can persuade American courts to hear claims for compensation. But Mr Lieberman commented: "Disaster relief should not come in pin-striped suits."

The lawyers say they are acting in the best interests of the sufferers. But the spectacle of sharply-dressed Californian attorneys strutting down Bhopal's grimy streets had led to mounting accusations that their prime purpose is to profit from misery.

## Newspaper's plea

"First the air was filled with poison. Then it was filled with lawyers," said an editorial in yesterday's Washington Post.

"Where are you Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, when we need you? Who else could do justice to the kind of 'justice' being pursued in this unhappy scene?" it asked.

The main task of the men who shot off to India at the first whiff of disaster is to have their cases heard in America. Indian courts are not renowned for the enormity of their damage awards.

With the lawyers standing to earn up to 40 per cent. of any American pay-outs, a long legal battle is in prospect in courts all over the country.

Mr Melvior Belli, the Californian who is perhaps the world's leading disaster specialist, to major disaster claims has chosen West Virginia, where Union Carbide operates a chemical plant similar to the one at Bhopal, as the setting for his battle. The state has a reputation for generous damage awards.

## Experts' opinion

Other lawyers have selected Connecticut as provoking the concern of Mr Lieberman.

Many legal experts argue that it is by no means clear that American courts will accept jurisdiction over the affair.

The Bhopal plant was run by Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary and staffed entirely by Indians. The experts expect the parent company will move swiftly for dismissal of all the American lawsuits and opt to determine appropriate compensation under India's legal system.

If that happens many of the lawyers now scavenging Bhopal for clients could find themselves out of pocket as their contracts with victims, according to standard United States practice, specify that no fees shall be paid unless damages are awarded.

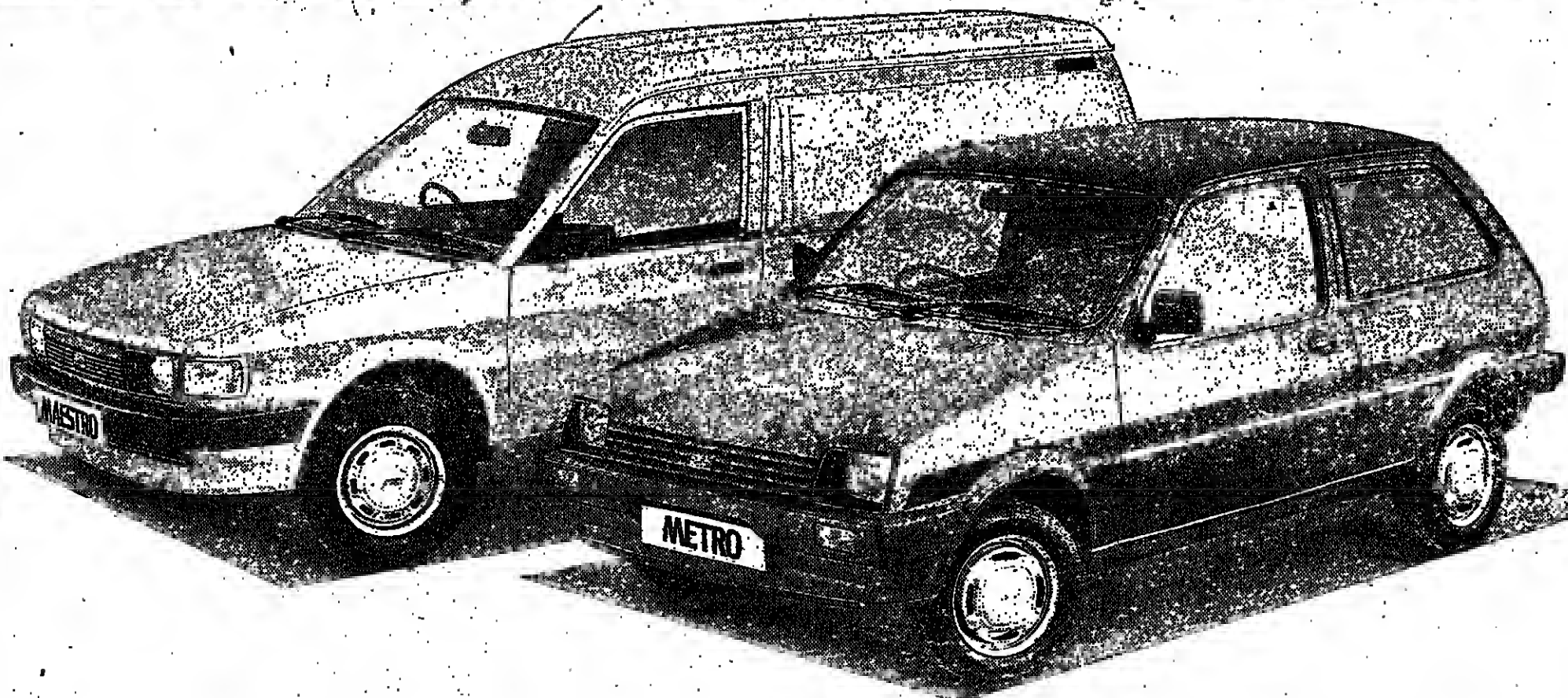
## STUDENTS LOSE U.S.

About 28 per cent. of American students identified Spain as the United States on a world map and another 20 per cent. could not find their home nation. Two geography organisations reported to Washington yesterday. —U.P.L.

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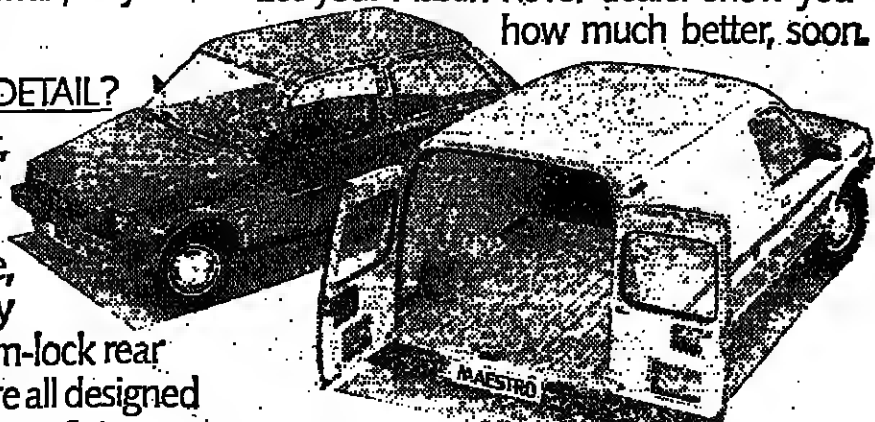
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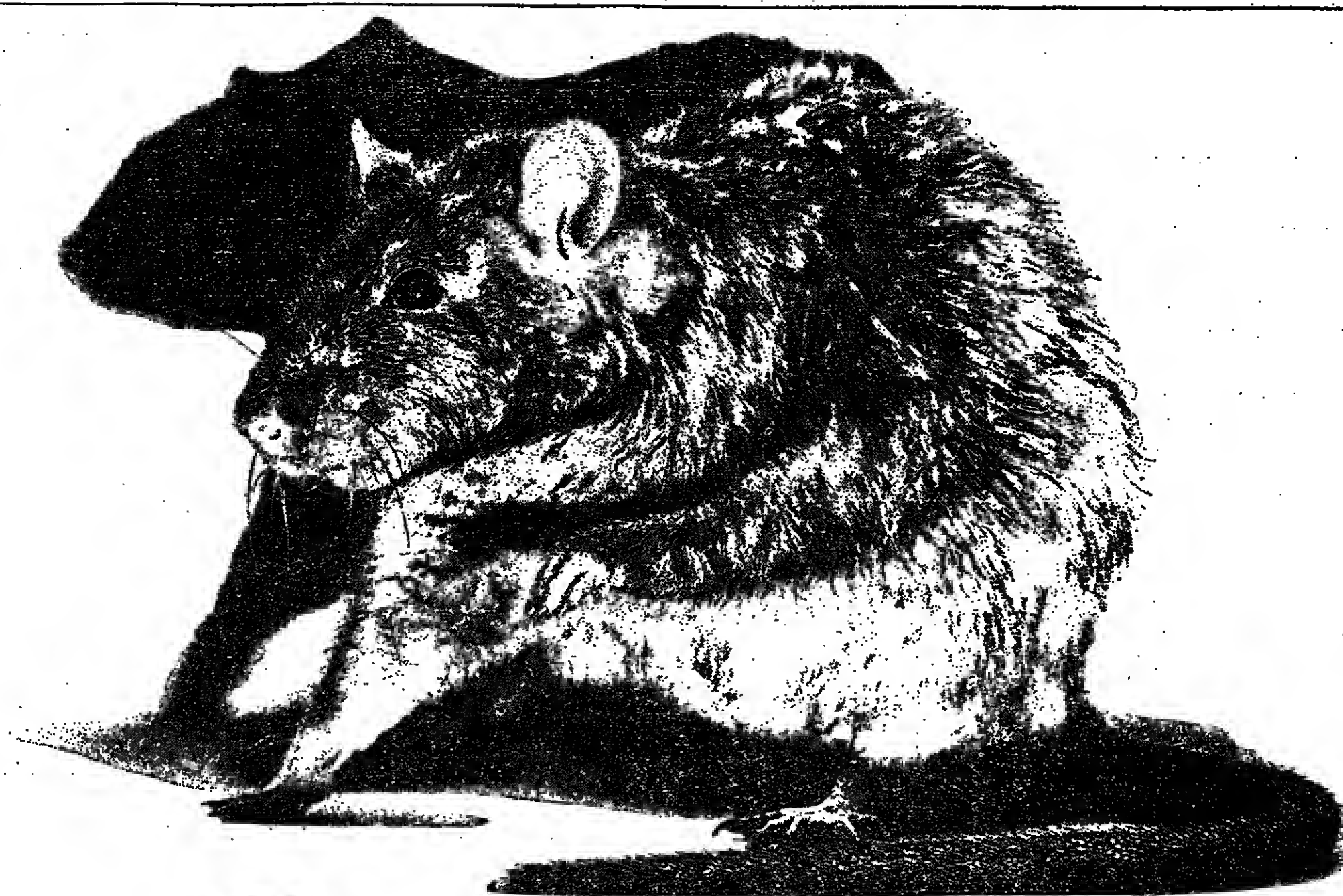
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# One of the few beneficiaries of ratecapping.

When the new ratecapping laws were being debated in parliament they were said to be needed to stop local authorities from over-spending.

In the event, some of the biggest overspenders (judged by the government's own figures) will not be ratecapped.

Yet five of the poorest boroughs in the country will.

Ratecapping means that Whitehall has put an absolute limit on what these boroughs can spend on local services.

Services like meals-on-wheels for the elderly, day care for mentally and physically handicapped children and street lighting.

Local councils will also have to look for cuts in services like public health inspection, waste disposal, street cleaning, renovation of poor housing and pest control.

Which may be good news for the rat population, but is bad news for everybody else. Particularly in deprived areas, where the demand for such service is already exceptionally heavy.

But Whitehall's spending limits take little account of this.

They are in fact based on figures which (according to the government's own Audit Commission Report) are out of date and inadequate.

And it's obviously impossible for Whitehall civil servants to make meaningful judgements about the needs of local communities.

The consequences are not hard to predict.

Penny-pinching in areas that are already in desperate need can only lead to further rapid deterioration.

It will put the work of enlightened public authorities in reverse, raising the spectre of problems that have not been seen in our cities for decades.

Problems that will be a lot more expensive to cure than to prevent.

And of course it's not just the poorest areas that will suffer.

They do not exist in isolation.

And rats have no respect for borough boundaries.

## Ratecapping makes no sense.







## HOLIDAY HOMES IN BRITAIN

## Taking time off over the Trossachs

DAVID HOPPIT

IN A FEW weeks Dr and Mrs Robert Fife, of Giffnock, will arrive at the door of their lodge by the shores of Loch Rannoch, in Scotland, to begin their tenth holiday and make a bit of history. They were the first people to buy into the first time-share development in Britain.

As the industry enters its tenth year the number of owners in Britain approaches 20,000 and the number of developments has also risen to nearly 50. Most belong to one of two international exchange networks, giving owners the chance to exchange within a worldwide catalogue of some 1,300 resorts.

The man who introduced time-sharing to Britain was Mr Frank Chapman. "I thought of this wonderful idea, but when I told my friends in America they told me I had been doing it for years!" he said last week.

We had just completed a tour by helicopter of most of the resorts in Scotland, three of them now under the control of the Barratt house-building empire which merged with Chapman's enterprise two years ago. Scotland appeals to many people for its diversity. Most of the resorts I visited offered comfortable accommodation, wholesome food and enough activities to occupy the most agile.

My first visit was Aviemore, where there are three time-sharing operations. I stayed in Dalaber Village, bought by Barratt before the merger with Frank Chapman. The former farm, bounded by the fast flowing Spey, covers 130 acres which now include a small golf course free to time-share customers. Other leisure facilities include an indoor tennis court, on which it has been found that howls can be played, squash courts, swimming pool, curling and, for those determined to miss-spend their youth, there is a snooker.

As with most successful resorts there are also gymnasiums, health and beauty centres, solariums, steam rooms and, for apres squash, a massage parlour.

Planning consent exists for a total of 140 units, though so far only 34 have been built. Among the most popular are the new octagonal "Topsiders", built around a central stalk, which sleep six people with ease.

Weeks at Dalaber range in price between £2,100 and £7,850, and as at several Scottish developments they are sold "in perpetuity". Management charges in the smallest units are £40 for every week, rising to a maximum of £90 in the largest lodges.

Aviemore is not the prettiest place in Scotland. Indeed first impressions at the railway station are verging on the depressing, but for seekers after health and ski slopes, it is hard to better. There are already seven ski towns and 14 pistes, ranging in degrees of danger from slight to considerable. The Aviemore centre itself is undergoing a renaissance, and should eventually appeal to the more discriminating (and affluent) visitor.

In the village are two more time-



Views across Loch Ard are given from the Forest Hills apartments.

sharing opportunities. One is at the Coylinn Bridge Hotel, where some attractive-looking lodges are being built in the grounds, and the other is close to the Aviemore Centre, catering especially for ski fanatics.

The latter, called Scandinavian Village, is putting great emphasis on the exchange opportunities and providing a travel voucher worth £1,000 for use in their first exchange. Also, in common with all resorts linked to the RCI (Resorts Condominiums International) network, owners can exchange their British week for two in America, because there is an imbalance in the number of available developments in Europe to cater for all the American owners wanting to come here.

While the Scandinavian Village's 65 holiday homes do not offer the same degree of opulence found at Barratt's developments they are certainly comfortable. In addition, owners have the use of the very considerable facilities at the holiday centre next door. Prices for weeks start at £2,100 for low season in a unit sleeping four, rising to a high season week costing £8,500 in a unit sleeping six.

Aviemore is only 40 minutes drive from Inverness Airport. Among the other memorable attractions of the village is the Cairngorm Whisky Centre and Museum, run by a very English-sounding Scot named Frank Clark. Here my host and I did tuck into the malt whisky lake, but

with no fewer than 107 varieties to cope with failed utterly.

The Loch Rannoch development is now all but complete and Barratt expects it to be sold out next year. The £1.2 million entertainment and conference centre is almost ready and then Britain's first time-share resort will be truly finished.

The hotel at the centre of the complex is also fully booked, proof, were it needed, that leisure development is bringing life and employment back to the more remote parts of Scotland and that without the financial support of the Highlands and Islands Board.

There are 85 lodges at Loch Rannoch and owners have a choice of many facilities, including some excellent new squash courts and a challenging dry ski slope. The units range in size from 550 sq ft to 1,750 sq ft, and there are not many of the 4,355 weeks left to sell. Prices range from £2,500 for a studio in low season (sleeping two) up to £7,750 for a highland lodge sleeping eight in the high season. Weekly maintenance charges are between £40 and £75.

In the heart of the Trossachs, 50 miles from Glasgow, is Forest Hills, perhaps the flagship of Barratt's successful leisure arm. It stands in 22 acres of parkland overlooking Loch Ard.

All the apartments have views across the loch towards Ben Lomond and for golf fanatics there is free

play on the nearby Aberfoyle club course.

All the facilities are here, but the most spectacular achievement is surely the indoor curling rink. All 56 units will have two bedrooms and prices for weeks range between £3,950 and £7,950. Management fees are £70 for each week owned. The resort is linked to RCI, whereas Loch Rannoch belongs to the other network, Interval International.

The final leg of my journey took me to the Western Isles for a complete contrast in holiday homes. The Melfort Estate, by Oban, in Argyll, is beside one of Scotland's most beautiful sea lochs and for someone seeking total tranquillity there are surely few better places.

Melfort, once the centre of the Campbells of Melfort, was bought and developed as a gunpowder mill in 1838. Production ceased after a catastrophic explosion in 1867. Now a young family, the Stotts, are restoring the 17 estate cottages and work is also progressing on the construction of a small swimming pool and leisure centre in the old gunpowder house.

The centre, linked to RCI, offers single, twin and three-bedroom cottages from £1,000 a week up to £3,500. Maintenance charges are currently between £34 and £37 a week. The area is not easy to get to, Glasgow being a two-hour drive away, but the peace of this wild, yet normally mild corner of Scotland is worth the journey.

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# Master of two arts

The Crawford Papers: the Journals of David Lindsay, Twenty-Seventh Earl of Crawford and tenth Earl of Balcarres during the Years 1892 to 1940. Edited by John Vincent. (Manchester U.P. £35.)

THIS book must rank as the great historical surprise of the season. It consists largely of diaries, covering the years from 1892 to 1940, whose existence was until recently almost entirely unknown.

People in public life rarely keep private diaries. If they do, they normally take pains to ensure that these records of human achievement are made available to posterity, often in carefully edited form. The desire for posthumous glory seems to have played no part in the calculations of the 27th Earl of Crawford, who began his career as a Conservative politician and ended it as "the uncrowned king of British art". He regarded a life of public service as its own reward.

Plainly, however, Crawford deserves, to a greater extent than most men, the immortality which these remarkable diaries will now confer upon him. No ordinary politician could have become a highly successful Conservative Chief Whip in the years before 1914 when the party's main interest lay in tearing itself apart over the question of tariff reform. As he quickly discovered, the party's leaders preferred to avoid having any serious communication with their supporters.

St John Brodrick and Gerald Balfour met a man called Kewick at a country house. After dinner they were much interested in his conversation and his great knowledge of Far Eastern affairs, and finally told him how valuable his experience would be if placed at the disposal of the country in the House of Commons. Well said Mr Kewick, I may as well state at once that I have been a loyal supporter of yours in the House for the last five years—an illustration of the attitude of our leaders towards the rank and file: a constant source of weakness and complaint.

Working under two very different leaders, Arthur James Balfour and Bonar Law, Crawford dedicated himself to the task of instilling to the party a greater sense of purpose than it had known for a generation. A spirit of dedication came easily to him. As a Tory poli-

tician, he was a vigorous exponent of the doctrine of "one nation" Conservatism, although (unlike some of his political heirs today) he felt no need to proclaim the fact constantly from the rooftops. He corresponded closely to the ideal aristocrat, as sketched by Disraeli, whose highest ambition was to secure the welfare of the toiling masses. To Crawford, indolence on the part of those with blue blood was always especially unforgivable.

Alistair B. Cooke

On this point, he found himself in cordial agreement with the Liberal party:

As to the House of Lords, Fowler says that if the Peers would dine in the gilded chamber one might be enormously strengthened. There is much wisdom in that remark. If the country could be persuaded that the Peers really mean business and are ready to sacrifice their home comforts for public matters they would rise in popular estimation. But as things now are they seldom sit longer than an hour or two, making people think them distinguished dilettanti whose sole object is to hurry through the work.

Such high-mindedness cannot be reconciled for long with the minutiae of Conservative party politics. Crawford left the Commons without the slightest regret on inheriting his title in 1915. Although he held high offices in the coalition government, his main achievements sprang from his superb administrative skills. He had his finest hour as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies which, in his own words, involved "controlling almost the whole exportable grain of the world, and feeding half the population... as efficient as our work been that we have always eluded public attention."

His strong aristocratic contempt for narrow specialisation worked greatly to the country's advantage. For him, self-fulfilment depended on doing many things simultaneously and extremely well. Since his family had for several generations

been the Medici of England, he found numerous vocations in the cultural world. He was perhaps the finest administrator of the country's heritage that his age possessed.

It often seemed that every museum and art gallery in the land wished to have him on its board. He dealt wisely with great issues, such as the future of the Elgin Marbles, in his capacity as a trustee of the British Museum. In these matters, wisdom often meant restraining the enthusiasm of others:

Duven lequered and harangued us, and talked the most hopeless nonsense about cleaning old works of art. I suppose he has destroyed many of our masters by overcleaning them. He told us that all old masters should be thoroughly cleaned—so thoroughly that he would dip them into acid.

A bald summary of Crawford's career conjures up the image of a paragon, burdened with an oppressive sense of public obligation. In fact, Crawford was the exact opposite of a prig. Since he led a blameless life himself, he was greatly interested in the weaknesses of others. As an Oxford undergraduate, he discovered that even Mr Gladstone could stoop to plagiarism. In later life he carefully monitored the effects of excessive champagne on "Asquith" (always pronounced according to Crawford), although he accepted that "Asquith drank too much" as a better speech than any one of us, so far.

Crawford the diarist provides a remarkable blend of high politics and personal intimacies that captures exactly the tone of Britain's governing classes. Serious issues are never their sole preoccupations. When politicians were absorbed in an acute constitutional crisis in 1911, the Churchills supplied them with much needed relief:

Mrs Churchill by the way created no little stir by going to the fancy dress ball the other night dressed in an and obviously about to enrich the world with offspring. Increase duly arrived within forty-five minutes of the party, caused disagreeable comments. Churchill also, as a cardinal, did not inspire much respect.



Munch's "Death in the Sickroom" (1893-4) is in the book reviewed below.

## NORDIC AGONY AND TENSION

By Terence Mullaly

Munch: his Life and Work. By Reinhold Heller. (Murray. £25.)

THE art and life of Edward Munch are both a frightening indictment of our times and a vindication of man. Like his great fellow countryman Ibsen he also reveals not just the face but equally the heart of Norway.

Munch is also acutely relevant for us in Britain at this moment. He is one of the few great 20th-century painters who still has not received the recognition he deserves in Britain. This is now being corrected by the exhibition "Munch and the Workers", which opened at the Newcastle Polytechnic and next February and March will be seen in London at the Barbican.

The artist, who was born in 1863, had a childhood clouded by sickness and darkness. His mother died when he was five, and his father's death from T.B. but also by his father's extreme religious beliefs. In 1908, he suffered a severe mental illness and throughout his life he struggled with ill health. His

sex life hardly helped; it was agonised.

All this is reflected in Munch's art. His best known work is "The Scream": it is one of the most tortured images in all art. The main thrust of Munch's paintings and prints is summed up by this picture, but as Reinhold Heller's admirably illustrated and detailed book makes clear there are other aspects to what he did which are all too little understood in this country. Yet even in an ostensibly straightforward work, such as his "Evening on Karl Johan's Street", the tension and the agony are there.

In Scandinavia and Germany Munch is recognised as one of the guiding spirits of Expressionism. It goes beyond this, however, to reveal the agony of his life. Munch himself was still in travail. Munch himself had won through to a kind of acceptance of life. What is inescapable is that a deeply Nordic spirit flows through all his work.

## Judgment, Gothic style

By David Holloway

The Law Courts: the Architecture of George Edmund Street. By David B. Brownlee. (MIT Press/Architectural History Foundation. £41.25.)

A Walk from London to Fulham, 1860. By Thomas Crofton Croker. (Boethius Press. £14.80.)

The London Conductor, 1851. With an Introduction by Patrick Beaver. (Boethius Press. £13.80.)

Pictorial Half Hours of London Topography, 1851. With an introduction by Patrick Beaver. (Boethius Press. £14.80.)

TO look at, the Royal Courts of Justice, commonly known as the Law Courts, have always seemed to me like one of those pre-war toothpaste advertisements for ivory castles, particularly since the buildings were cleaned to celebrate their centenary in 1982.

Nowhere else could something so mundane as the administration of justice be conducted in a castle designed by a rather incompetent fairy. That, at least, is one's view until one reads David B. Brownlee's superbly illustrated and well-presented story of the building of "The Law Courts."

Up till the 1880s justice was dispensed by the Queen's Bench in what could best be described as a slum alongside Westminster Hall. The Chancery work was done at Rolls Yard off Chancery Lane. The tidy minded Victorians thought, quite rightly, that all justice should be brought under one roof.

This was in the mid-1860s. Indeed in 1865 a competition limited originally to six leading architects, was announced. There was a change of mind, and a change of government, and the number was raised to 20. Among these were 22. Among the victors (on both lists) was George Edmund Street, a specialist in Gothic, best known for his ecclesiastical work in the Oxford Diocese.

The architects duly submitted their designs to the judges, who included Mr Gladstone but no one with any architectural knowledge other than that of the most sketchy snail. And they could not make up their minds, so they divided the prize between Street, for the exterior, and J. M. Barry (the son of Sir Charles, the architect of the House of Commons) for the interior.

This could be seen, at best, as a cop out. The use of both the older Barry and Pugin at the Houses of Parliament had led to endless rows, and it was certain that Street, although amiable, would not get on with the quarrelsome younger Barry. Eventually the commission was given to Street alone, even though his original design was rejected by technical assessors to have answered only three out of the 88 technical problems set out for the designers. He was, though, a friend of Gladstone's.

The site between Carey Street and the Strand was cleared and then Austen Layard, the Assyriologist, was made

First Commissioner of Works, and he dreamed of a Nineveh-like London. He, therefore, wished the Courts to be moved to enhance the Thames embankment to the east of Somerset House.

Poor Street adjusted his plans to accommodate the new proposals, but Layard was displaced and the truly appalling Acton Smee Ayrton was appointed in his place. He, previously a Junior Treasury minister, was only interested in cutting costs and, until disposed of, gave Street a bell of a time, though he did go back to the original site.

Street's original plan was changed by Treasury demands until the final version, some 12 years after the originals were drawn, was quite different. It was still, as he wanted it to be, Gothic but with a mish-mash of other styles. Sad to say Street never saw the finished building, but it was well on the way by the time he died in 1880. Inevitably the main building contractors went into the process and endless modifications had to be made later.

The story of this, the greatest of all Victorian building projects, reads like an account of any major investment with architects and builders. Professor Brownlee tells it all in a dead-pan way (perhaps because he cannot see the funny side of the whole affair) that is enthralling. He probes with the separate functions of the ministers and civil servants in this country, but he is most thorough and has produced a most handsome book.

Today, in our conversational way, we have great difficulty in understanding the ruthlessness of our ancestors. Street, for instance, wanted to pull down St Clement Daes because it spoilt the view of his new building, and was only just stopped from doing so.

It is difficult for us to believe the detached attitude that the Victorians had to old buildings. This is shown very much in three Victorian guide books the texts of which have just been handsomely reproduced in facsimile, though with very boring hindings. One of them, "A Walk from London to Fulham" (from Kingtonbridge actually) by Thomas Crofton Croker, published in 1860, is a real gem.

Each day Croker, no relation of his namesake, the diarist, walked from his Fulham home to Whitehall and he describes many of the houses that he passed on the way and tells anecdotes about the people who occupied them. It is the best

source book for historical novels about Victorian London I have ever come across. Take this example: "No. 25 Brompton Square is occupied by Mr William Farren, who was for a long period the unrivalled representative of old men upon the stage" to which a footnote is added: "It is no slight testimony to the genius of Mr Farren, that since his retirement no actor in London has attempted to represent 'Grandfather Whitehead'."

Every page has its anecdote and there are many neat little sketches. The other two guides both prepared for the 1851 Great Exhibition, "The London Conductor" and "Pictorial Half Hours of London Topography" are more workaday but do show how different are today the bits of London that a mid-Victorian tourist might thought worth while showing to the visitor.

## Political turns

By Morrison Halcrow

Playing the Palace: a Westminster Collection. Selected by James Naughtie. (Mainstream. £9.95.)

THE best club in London, they used to say. But that was in the days when the Members all wore ties. What is still true is that Parliament is the best (free) show in London.

Hence James Naughtie's witty title—which he was given; he admits generously in the preface, by a colleague in the Press Gallery. His book is an anthology of words spoken in, or written about, one or other House of Parliament.

Now, there are always problems about putting the spoken word down on paper. The play's the thing. Take away the glitter and greasepaint and you are left with some pretty grey pages. Not that that ever stopped generations of pretty grey schoolmasters stripping the plumes from Shakespeare and turning him into a sort of mathematical problem to be worked out in an exercise book.

Mr Naughtie's choice of Churchill speeches seems to me to make him come over a bit wooden. But Enoch Powell, unsurprisingly, comes over well, so too, surprisingly, does Edward Heath. Rab Butler, astoundingly, is unrepresented.

One notes again how the best speeches are the least extravagant. In modern times they included that classic, the indictment of Harold Macmillan, after the Profumo affair, by Nigel Birch, a man who knew there is no sort of blunderbuss when you can deliver a fatal blow with a rapier.

For trop de zèle. That applies too to the words written about Parliament. It is a literary art form that has attracted talents from Samuel Johnson through Dickens to the modern political commentators and Commons sketch-writers. No doubt in their private lives they are men who know political passion, who feel deeply about those issues the MPs go on about; their showmen at their most telling when they keep their political distance.

Maybe it is like the good drama critic who knows he may admire a lucid actress, he may even chat to her in the dressing room, but if he becomes emotionally involved he is finished. Mr Naughtie, as he shows in his own writing, and his extracts from others, takes the poet.

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## Hasty scribbles from Graves

By Derek Severn

Between Moon and Moon: Selected Letters of Robert Graves, 1946-1972. Edited by Paul O'Prey. (Hutchinson. £14.95.)

THIS is — for some years at least — the final selection from Robert Graves's immense correspondence; an incomplete, self-portrait, since it includes none of the hundreds of letters which he wrote in late middle age to his four "Muses," the young women to whom he became (successively) attached and whom he persuaded himself, were necessary to his poetry.

Until 1972, when he stopped writing, his concentration and short-term memory having faded after an operation, Graves's industry was almost unbroken. In 1953 he finished seven, and five more in the next two months. By 1960 the total was almost 80.

With a second, very young family to educate he was driven also to a mass of high-class hackwork — film scripts, translations, short stories, lectures to American audiences. At the same time he helped, anonymously, scores of other writers and was host to a stream of visitors.

Not surprisingly, most of these lively, wide-ranging letters to his friends are hasty scribbles. Encouraging, but exacting in criticism, he is also warmly affectionate, but his

deepest feelings are only hinted at in the briefest of references to the deaths of two of his children.

Little in these jottings is closely concerned with poetry; only rarely does Graves catch fire. "Spoken poetry has a coarser mesh than written," "I can't hear the smell of inherited syllables in Beethoven's 'great storms'." The heat of this questioning correspondence reveals a poet's theories about the nature of ambrosia and the use in ancient civilisations of mushrooms with hallucinogenic properties, and the writing of the Nazarene Gospel Restored.

In both cases his fascination with Jung reveals his lack of any religious sense. "Were it not," he writes, "for the renege Paul [whom he

links with Hitler as the two most evil men in history] Jesus would be long forgotten. And, sardonically, 'My ambition is to stop Jesus from writing endlessly on that Cross to give his spirit rest'."

Paul O'Prey's linking commentary is discreet and helpful, but his editing is slapdash. He leaves many references unexplained. Who was Smkh, about whom Graves is so terribly grieved? What was it that E. Lawrence said about Churchill? And so on. The index is incomplete, and since it gives names but not subjects its usefulness is limited.

A scrappy, tantalising book, then, best read as an addendum to the recent Seymour Smith's biography. But what a letter-writer Graves would have been with more time.

## Anthropologist's intuition

By Margot Lawrence

Margaret Mead: a Life. By Jane Howard. (Harvill. £12.95.)

WHEN Sir Dugald Baird, Aberdeen professor of obstetrics, especially asked to meet Margaret Mead, the world-famous anthropologist, her greeting was: "Have you ever delivered a woman in the squatting position?"

She lectured him unstopably all evening on childbirth in the South Pacific. When Baird left he kissed her hand, saying sweetly: "May your next be a breech." "That," cried Mead delightedly, "is the first time a native has put a hex on me."

But how do people get on the list of the great and the good, another British professor asked wistfully when Mead died in 1978. For most of her life she filled lowly posts at Columbia University and the American Museum of Natural History. Her doctorate was an honorary one.

Long before Derek Freeman's debunking study in 1983, some anthropologists had questioned her tremendous reputation, but almost none felt able to do so publicly. She had an unshakable quality that survived even the furthest and fiercest views on race, expressed during a radio discussion with James Baldwin.

Both anthropology and the concept of adolescence as a subject for study were novelties when Margaret Mead chose Samoa for her first field trip. The native authorities gave her a laupou or "ceremonial virgin" status, conferring protection from predatory males and an entrée to the sexual confidences of girls.

"Coming of Age in Samoa," published in 1928, had a sneeze of scandal. (Actually, many of her "discoveries" were noted by missionaries a century earlier.) All her life Margaret Mead's popular success and pursuit of fame were suspect among some academics.

her three marriages, plus several liaisons, to advance her career, but did achieve an enormous oeuvre and was first to identify many important concepts such as cargo cults and body language.

Her real genius, however, was in cutting through academic boundaries in what is now called lateral thinking. The war, when she worked on government projects, made her a world figure, immensely generous, a lively lecturer, and a woman who gave to research scholars and synthesisist bodies.

Margaret Mead helped to change the human race's concept of itself, and Jane Howard presents a lively portrait of a giant personality who could fairly claim: "I've always been a woman—never an imitation man."

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Divided into "life and works," the book's treatment of the music is hagiographic. There is no attempt (nor intention) to analyse works in detail. Their outlines and origins are described and many indispensable facts are recorded. Mr Tierney's obvious love of the music does not extend to an effort to explain, or even contradict, the general critical assumption that it declined after 1945.

The story of the life is well told. It is a romantic tale, from a drab Edwardian Oldham by way

William Walton, his Life and Music. By Neil Tierney. (Hale. £15.95.)

WHILE others have promised books about William Walton both before and since his death, Neil Tierney has quickly beaten everyone to the punch with this comprehensive survey.

Mr Tierney is well known to northern readers of this newspaper for his coverage of music in Liverpool; the sympathetic generosity characteristic of his criticisms is here extended to this composer and has won his book a warm endorsement from Lady Wallop.

Meanwhile here is a labour of love that by its disarming enthusiasm should win new friends for the composer. But who told Mr Tierney that Gershwin was "modest and unassuming in manner"?

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# RIBBONS AND LACE AND BOW-TIED NOSTALGIA AS THE TODDLERS GO ON PARADE



## PARTY TOGS FOR TOP TOTS

● PICTURED: Left, it's tea-time and bright plastic bibs are donned to protect the floor. Underneath, three-year-old Jenny Boyd wears a genuine Victorian outfit of baribonad broderie anglaise to match her head garland.

Above, left to right: it's bow-tie time and a sporty outfit was chosen by three-year-old Alastair Sooka, whose grey-and-black striped trousers came from Hennes in High Street, Kensington.

Burgundy breeches and bow-tie plus hair as well brushed and as shiny as his shoes.

Two-year-old twins David and Andrew Newman sport that fashionable bow-tie plus crisply-pressed burgundy-and-white striped romper suits from Anthea Moor Edes shop in Kensington.

Navy valour sailor suit from the Chelsea Design Company is worn by John Woolf, aged two and a half.

Pictures by CLIFFORD LING

THE William set was out on parade in its party best earlier this week when the children's top television favourite, Henry's Cat, held a Christmas party in aid of Birthright, the Princess of Wales's favourite charity and one of which she has just been appointed patron.

hack in, nostalgia with the lace, frills and broderie anglaise of real Victoriana.

No man-made wash n' wear fibres for these top tots: they are the well-pressed set, complete with neat white collars and bow-ties. A barrage of nannies sat nearby ready to rebrush hair to the same gleaming polish of the classic Starline shoes.

Anna Harvey of Vogue, the Princess's own personal fashion adviser, was the organiser. The guests, all aged under six, were dressed suitably fashionably.

By ANN CHUBB

It was tartan togs for many: everything from bow ties and shirts for the boys to intricately-smocked White House-style dresses for the girls.

But, once the party was in full swing, top tots proved no different to any others. They galloped around as far away as possible from their minders and sat on the floor entranced under the spell of Smartie Artie and the other attractions before a tea of sausages and crisps plus a wonderful bright yellow cake depicting Henry's Cat.

There was also a bark



Petra Meinortshagen, aged two, wearing her great-grandmother's white broderie anglaise dress newly-threaded with Christmassy ribbons of red and emerald.

## Cholesterol: it's all a question of health

K.C.H.: Do you consider that doctors would be justified, in the present state of knowledge, in prescribing dietary restrictions as a preventive measure?

D.J.M.: That depends on who they are prescribing it to: the first point being that diagnosis really becomes the first step. Finding out what an individual's cholesterol level is and putting that into a context of all his risk factors: whether he smokes cigarettes, is overweight, has high blood pressure, glucose intolerance or takes little exercise.

I think a diet that is low in cholesterol and moderately low in fat is probably the first approach one would take for a high-risk patient.

K.C.H.: Do you think that if you restrict fats people will increase carbohydrates so that you are then running the risk of causing the very obesity you are trying to avoid?

D.J.M.: In part this is why we need a unified approach to treating cardiovascular disease risk profiles. That is, to get people down to their normal body-weight and increase their exercise programme so they are really using up an equal number of calories to those they are taking in.

K.C.H.: From the point of the general public, what particular food

AN American professor who thinks that healthy people should not be urged to change their diet to prevent heart attacks was in London recently to lecture at the Royal Society of Medicine. Professor Donald J. McNamara, a biochemist, has for several years

researched the role of dietary fat in causing heart attacks. He is an associate of E. H. Ahrens, who discovered the effect polyunsaturates such as sunflower seed oil have on the level of cholesterol in the blood. I was invited to meet Professor McNamara at his hotel before he delivered his lecture.

By Dr K. C. HUTCHIN, Medical Consultant

elements would you consider increase the risk of causing coronary heart disease?

D.J.M.: I think off-hand one cannot really talk about a specific food causing an increased risk. I think it depends again on the individual and how he responds to certain foods.

For example, some people think of eggs as a cholesterol-containing food which shouldn't be eaten and yet the clinical studies we have carried out in New York show that in 80 per cent. of the population cholesterol levels can stay relatively constant even with a high consumption of eggs in the diet.

For 20 per cent. who had their cholesterol levels go up, some of them had small increases, others had fairly large increases.

It's a question of whether or not it takes them into the risk

category, so I don't think the concept is real that there are good foods, bad foods; that some foods cause disease while others are protective.

I think it really comes down to how an individual responds: what an individual needs in terms of his other risks and how a diet can be modified in such a way as to treat that person.

K.C.H.: There has been in recent years quite a revolutionary change in our views.

D.J.M.: I think the change has come about because in the early Seventies we looked at the scientific information from a viewpoint of lumping everyone together. We said that if we make such-and-such a change in the diet, on average people will respond this way, and we didn't pay much attention to the individuality of it, how people

can vary in their response.

I think also that we are beginning to see that the recommendations that we made have been taken a little too far and that people are excluding certain foods from their diet and may be putting their diet out of balance. For example, avoiding eggs which are a very expensive, high-quality protein source.

I think avoiding dairy products either in children or in older women, is wrong since they supply 70 per cent. of the calcium that we get in our diet. We know that bone disease is a problem in older women.

We are treating everybody as if they had the disease and I think we are slightly imbalancing the over-all nutritional pattern of segments of the population.

K.C.H.: Do you think, then, that we shouldn't give any dietary advice to the healthy?

D.J.M.: I think the only advice we need to give individuals at a normal cholesterol level is general education on nutrition: how to get a balanced diet and not to live on what are called empty calories: junk food.

At the other extreme of the population are those who survive mostly in health - food stores, thinking that those kinds of food-stuffs are in some way going to increase their life expectancy. We really need education in general nutrition rather than some kind of specification that this stops heart disease, this stops cancer, this stops arthritis, or the other things. We really don't have the evidence to say we can guarantee the absence of these diseases.

K.C.H.: On the present evidence then, you would not say that diet modifications play an equal part with the other factors which seem to influence the incidence of coronary heart disease, such as smoking, lack of exercise, obesity, hypertension, etc?

D.J.M.: If we look at priorities of what is related to the development of the disease it is usually considered that cigarette smoking is first, elevated blood pressure is second and elevated blood cholesterol is third.

We have very good evidence now that treatment of hypertension can effectively reduce the incidence of heart attacks. There is good evidence that reducing cigarette

smoking reduces the incidence of heart attacks. We don't have any evidence in studies either carried out in the United States or in Europe that dietary intervention, even with high-risk people, can effectively reduce the incidence of heart attacks. And I think that is where the quandary comes in, the lack of evidence, so that one cannot equate it with decreased cigarette smoking or the treatment of hypertension because we really don't have the evidence to say that it will reduce the incidence of heart attacks.

K.C.H.: You haven't mentioned stress in your list of risk profiles.

D.J.M.: Well, stress in what is called in the United States a Type A personality, that is a somewhat assertive/aggressive personality who tries to do everything at once, is known to increase risk. The other type is the person with a sedentary lifestyle who doesn't do anything.

Both these people are at increased risk from the disease, along with people with mild glucose intolerance. This is why it is important to look at all the risk profiles. It's not going to do much good to change somebody's diet who is also overweight, mildly hypertensive and gets no exercise because his risk profile really isn't going to change all that much.

But people who are learning to live a little less stressful life-style I think have a tendency to enjoy it more and possibly to live longer.

## HELP FOR THE HARD-HIT PETS

By Lynne Edmunds

WHEN families are struggling against hardship because of unemployment, redundancy, or as a result of the financial chaos which spreads through communities in long-running industrial disputes, everyone's thoughts go out to the animals.

But the majority of families in this country also have dependent pets, and their abandonment or suffering hits their young owners harder than a lack of pocket money, or sacrifice of outings and treats.

Fortunately, the animal charity, the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, is ensuring that such happenings are kept to the minimum. Across the South Wales and the Midlands are already showing a huge increase in families no longer able to afford vets' bills, who are bringing their pets for treatment for the first time. Constant high unemployment figures, and now the miners' strike, lead officials to expect this increase to continue.

"We are certainly under pressure these days," says Mr John Lapsch, senior veterinary officer for the charity's Animal Treatment Centre in Sheffield. "Our cases are up to 25,000 from an average of 15,000 in 1980, and we will go on to

cross our full-time vets from two to three."

Elsewhere, PDSA centres in Hull and Leeds have just doubled their complement of vets to meet the need.

In South Wales the increase reported is around 10 per cent. so far this year, but over a five-year period the number of sick or injured pets treated has virtually doubled.

People may often have to travel 20 miles to clinics, and then wait up to two hours in crowded surgeries. But the charity's success in averting crises among pet-owning families is indicated by the fact that the number of animals brought in to be put down has not shown any significant rise in the past few years.

The charity's enlightened approach of accepting people's word that they cannot afford a private vet's fees must contribute to the willingness of many to seek its services.

"We don't make great inquiries into people's means," explained Mr Jim Webster, regional veterinary officer, in

Wales. "That might frighten them off. The miners in particular, with their pride, are reluctant to take charity, and we're getting more and more inquiries from their families now." (He puts these at around one-sixth of the weekly total.)

Mr Lapsch also finds miners embarrassed to ask for help. "But they simply can't afford a bill for £80 to treat a pet's broken leg for example, and their vets refer them to us. Most of them go away grateful, but saying 'we'll see you are right for the money when this strike is over'."

The pets, mainly dogs and cats, which the PDSA treats qualify only for care for sickness and accident injuries. Vaccinations and help with food bills are not part of the service.

Sometimes local animal charities can give help in these areas. There are often care societies linked to different dog breeds, particularly the biggest dogs like Dobermans, Old English Sheepdogs or Alsatians, which people tend to buy thoughtlessly and then find they cannot afford or control.

Since the PDSA's funds all come from donations, mainly legacies which currently are declining all round, it has

a real headache in raising extra money to meet this hugely-increased demand.

In addition to the 57 animal treatment centres in Britain and others overseas, it has now started the first of its Auxiliary Services in the South Wales towns of Bridgend and Porthcawl. Everyone living in the area who cannot afford a private veterinary consultation and is receiving some kind of state benefit, can visit one of the local vets co-operating with the scheme and the PDSA will foot the bill for treatment.

"We have had groups of miners' wives organise themselves and come in a single car-load from far afield," recalled Mr Webster. "But even that is increasingly difficult for people who are short of money, so these local centres will meet a real need."

The PDSA aims to extend this service as much as finances will allow. "But over the last four years we treated 400,000 more sick pets and the total for 1983 was up to 11 million," said a spokesman. "Our bill for all this was around £6 million last year and we will have to work very hard to raise the extra funds we know we are going to need in the future."

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# Repair cost threat to Cambridge glass landmark

By JOHN SHAW

THE award-winning glass and tile building which houses the history faculty at Cambridge may be demolished because of the high cost of repairs.

The financial board has said that it might be better to start again from scratch. Repairs are estimated at between £1,500,000 and £2 million.

## BBC INQUIRY INTO JOBS FOR WOMEN

By ROBIN STRINGER  
TV and Radio Correspondent

THE BBC governors have ordered an inquiry to discover why so few women hold top jobs in the corporation.

It will be chaired by one of the few women to have reached a senior BBC position, Miss Monica Sims, who recently retired as director of radio programmes and was formerly Controller of Radio 4 and head of children's television.

"I do feel that someone should try to take a serious look at this issue," she said yesterday.

"And perhaps it ought to be me because I have been through many of the problems myself in my 30 years with the BBC."

"For years I was the only woman in meetings. It was something I had to put out of my mind while I got on with the job."

Yesterday's problems

The BBC's director of personnel, Mr Christopher Martin, sees "no obvious reason why there is a lack of female candidates applying for management level jobs."

"There is a view, of course, that we are dealing with yesterday's problem in that the encouraging trends in junior and middle ranks will eventually work their way through to senior management."

At present women comprise 26 per cent of staff at junior management levels within the BBC. Trends over the past 10 years have shown women to be steadily increasing their share of jobs in the various lower management grades.

## BABY DOING WELL

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Serene Lyons, the 10-month-old baby from Herne Bay, Kent, whose heart has been connected to a tiny £1,000 pacemaker, was doing well and her heart beating normally yesterday.

The operation was carried out a fortnight ago at Brompton Hospital using a new technique to wire the pacemaker to her heart. She is now home.

Mr Basil Shone, University treasurer, said: "We have looked into this very carefully and there is not much in it from a financial point of view."

"It is now necessary to deal with the academic arguments between repair and rebuilding, and that is what the next round of consultations will be about."

The future of the building will be discussed by the general board of faculties next term before a final decision is taken by the Regent House, the governing body of University.

The 17-storey faculty was designed by James Stirling, 58, who is now working on the Clarendon building for the Tate. It cost £300,000 and was completed in 1967.

Its fan-shaped glass roof quickly made it a landmark. But it attracted complaints that the glass and the covering led to temperature extremes, making the building like a greenhouse in summer and a fridge in winter.

The design helped Mr Stirling to win the Royal Institute of British Architects' Gold Medal in 1980. Other winners include Frank Lloyd Wright and Sir Nikolaus Pevsner.

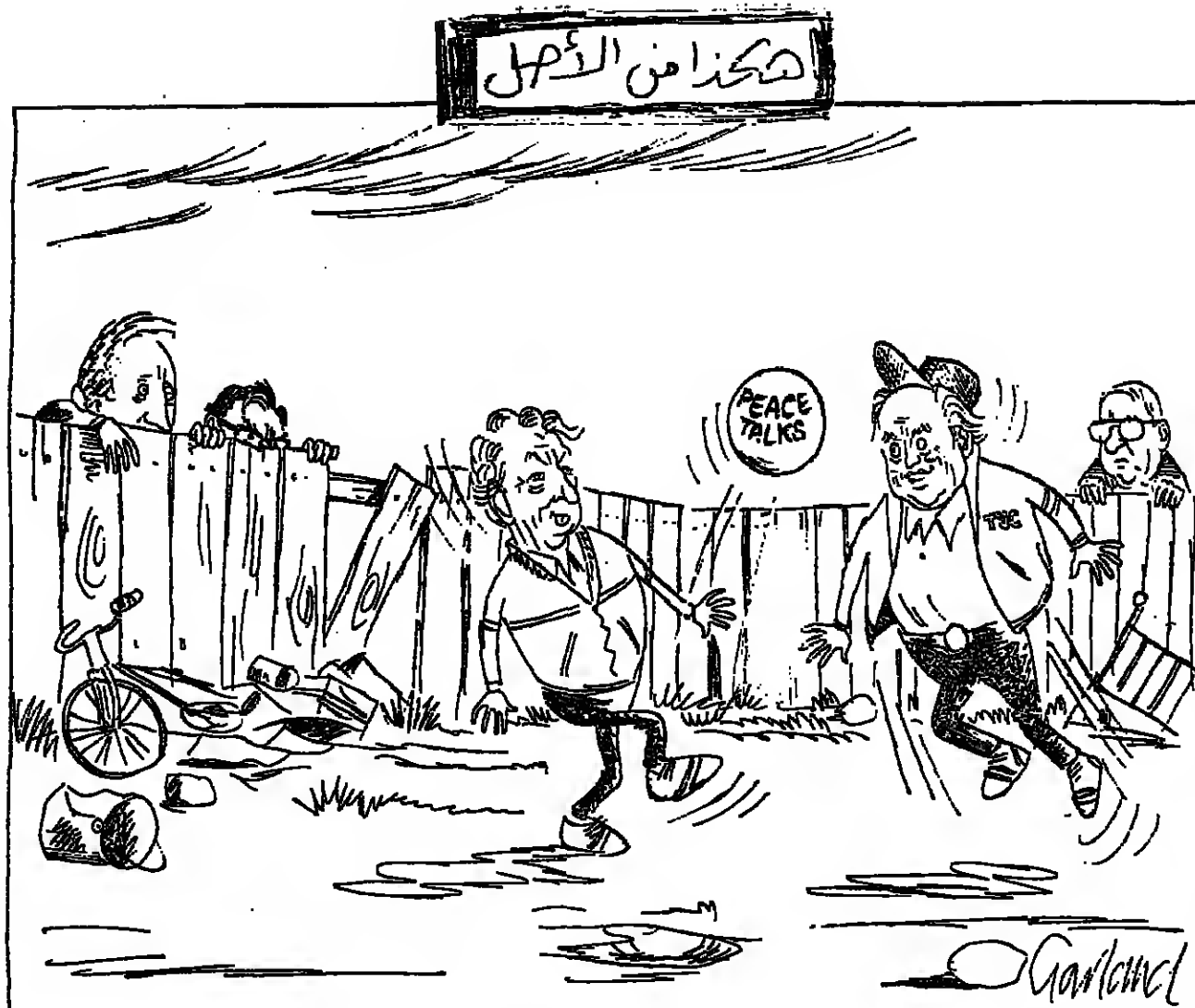
But complaints of falling tiles, poor ventilation and excessive noise persisted, and the University issued a writ against Mr Stirling alleging professional negligence. Following a ruling in another case in the House of Lords, this was dropped in April 1983.

Asked his opinion about the possibility of his building being demolished after only 15 years, Mr Stirling said yesterday: "I have not heard anything officially from the University yet, so it is not something I would wish to talk about at present."

## FAMILY FOUND DEAD IN CAR

A mother and her two children were found dead in the family car yesterday at their home when a milkman broke into the garage at Farnridge Place, Cranfield, Bedford, after he heard a car engine running.

Mrs Irene Austin, 54, Matthew, 8, and Deborah, 6, lived in the house alone. Police say they are not treating the incident as suspicious.



## BMA DRUG PROTEST 'HYSTERIA'

By DAVID FLETCHER  
Health Services Correspondent

MR CLARKE, Health Minister, yesterday asked the British Medical Association to withdraw a letter it has sent to all family doctors protesting over the Government's proposals for a limited list of drugs.

He has accused the association of reacting "hysterically" to the Government's plan, and said the letter was misleading.

The BMA letter, which has gone to all 20,000 GPs, argues that not only will the list of drugs be reduced, but that the Government's proposals for a limited list of drugs are "hysterical".

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## Wealthy patients

The doctors claim that a limited list of drugs will mean that wealthy patients will be able to pay for the drugs their doctors want them to have, while poor patients will have to make do with what is available on the NHS.

Mr Clarke dismisses this as "nonsense" saying that the Government proposals will not affect major life-saving drugs, but will merely restrict the number of cough remedies, laxatives, tonics and tranquilisers that can be prescribed on the NHS.

## Man who kicked sick dog cleared of cruelty

By COLIN RANDALL

A MAN'S instinctive act of self-defence—kicking a neighbour's snarling dog when it leapt at him—landed him in court on a cruelty charge yesterday.

The eight-year-old King Charles spaniel, Pepper, which was suffering from stomach trouble and a heart condition, died.

Mr John Burns, 20, of Gellifaw Road, Morriston, Swansea, apologised to Pepper's owner, Mrs Mary Thomas, and thought the matter closed until police summoned him.

Yesterday magistrates at Swansea cleared him of one charge of cruelty to the dog and a second of recklessly destroying it.

Mr GRAHAM EVANS, defending, said: "What on earth is this man doing in court? This prosecution is pandering to canine lovers. We are being told that if you think a dog is going to bite you, then you have got to let it happen."

## Tennis shoes

Mr Burns, who was wearing tennis shoes on the night of his encounter with Pepper, said he had no wish to harm the dog and was upset at the outcome. He had kicked it once, instinctively.

Mrs Thomas, 46, said she was in her drive when she heard a lock.

## SCHOOL FEE AID PAYS OFF

By JOHN IZBICKI  
Education Correspondent

THE Government's controversial scheme which sends bright children from poorer families to fee-paying schools at the taxpayers' expense has scored a double success.

Figures published yesterday by the Independent Schools Information Service showed that almost 80 per cent of those who entered the schools under the Assisted Places Scheme have gone on to study at universities, polytechnics and other colleges.

It has been claimed that the scheme was depriving State-maintained schools of resources and that it was unfairly creaming off the nation's brightest pupils.

The figures show that of the 558 assisted places sixth-form leavers last year, 355 or 63.4 per cent, went to university and a further 103, or 19.5 per cent, to polytechnics and other degree courses.

## COFFIN SLIPS OUT

Motorists in the centre of Kettering, Northamptonshire, had a shock yesterday when a coffin fell out of a hearse. The undertakers said the vehicle's back door had a faulty lock.

## Moor campaigners win concession in M40 approval

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

THE £202 million extension of the M40 from Oxford to Birmingham has won government approval but with a vital concession to those who fought to stop it crossing Otmoor.

Now the Transport and Environment ministers are to consider a fresh route round Otmoor.

Oxford University dons were among leaders of the battle to save Otmoor, the home of butterflies and the suspected harbour of buried explosives from wartime days as an Army range.

The M40 is the last of the really big motorway projects for England. The road is already open from London to Oxford and the line has been approved for the Warwick to Birmingham section.

The missing section approved will cover 46 miles. It will pass east of Oxford and also by-pass Bicester, Wendlebury, Chesterton, Bucknell, Aynho, King's Sutton, Banbury, Hanwell, Shotteswell, Warrington, Gaydon and Bishop's Cleeve.

Midlands' port route

It will provide an alternative to the M1 and M6 from London to Birmingham and also provide a fast route from the Midlands to Southampton.

Mr Tony Baldry, Conservative MP for Banbury and president of the "M40 Support Group," said it was the right decision and would ease traffic for at least 50 communities in Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire.

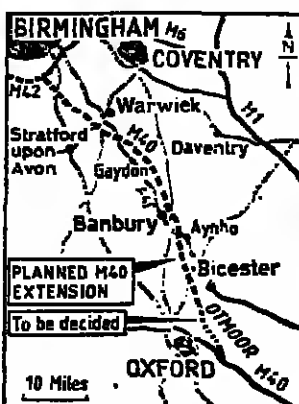
The Council for the Preservation of Rural England said the decision was disappointing and called it "the unnecessary motorway."

## RESEARCH INTO M-WAY LIGHTING

By Our Transport Correspondent

Urgent studies into motorway lighting are being made by the Transport Department as the row continues over the multiple crash on the M25 near West Heath this week.

Mrs Chalker, Transport Minister, estimates it would cost £81 million to put lights on all motorway stretches without them. This would include £9 million for the M1 alone. There is conflicting evidence on whether lights reduce accidents.



## FOG CRASH M-WAY IS RE-OPENED

Daily Telegraph Reporter

THE section of the M25 closed since Tuesday's 22-vehicle pile-up in which nine people died, was reopened yesterday.

Despite the tragic crash motorists were still driving "far too fast" for ordinary visibility, Surrey police said yesterday.

The Transport Minister, Mr Chalker, has said that the Home Secretary, Mr Brittan, has called for reports on the crash from the Chief Constables of Kent and Surrey. When these were studied, consideration would be given to "what further action may be required."

## Ridiculous game

"Following the car in front, tailgating, is a ridiculous game," Police have established the identities of nine dead. Some bodies were so badly mangled that it took at least 24 hours to establish their identities, using dental records and car registrations.

Surrey Police yesterday issued the following list of people who died in the M25 crash on Tuesday:

Garry Child, 29, of Holmwood, Gillingham, Steven Bean, 50, of Billesley, Watercross Farm, Ashford, Kent; William McKee, 54, Canterbury Avenue, Southend; John Dyer, 55, Anderson Close, Hedon, North Lincolnshire; and Victor Bentley, 60, of Roberts Road, Snodgrass, Kent; Michael George, 36, Bushey Grove, Kingswood, Sutton, Leicestershire; Philip Wooler, 25, Hemley Close, Ryde, Sussex; Stephen Arnold, Wisteria Gardens, Swanley, Kent.

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## ICI pays \$750m cash for U.S. Beatrice arm

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries yesterday announced the biggest takeover of a United States business by a wholly-owned British company with a \$750 million (£630 million) cash offer for the chemical operations of Beatrice Chemicals, the biggest food group in the United States.

ICI came out as top bidder in the "auction" for Beatrice Chemical after the parent company put it up for sale as part of a \$1 billion (£840 million) disposal package.

The acquisition is the third by a British company since Beatrice started its disposal sale after the \$2.8 billion (£2.3 billion) takeover of Esso.

Whitbread has paid \$110 million (£92.5 million) for the Okefenokee wine and spirits business and Tate and Lyle is paying \$43.2 million (£35.2 million) for Agri-Products.

Beatrice Chemical make high performance plastics and composite materials, markets a wide range of specialty chemicals and in the year to February 22 produced pre-tax profits of \$63 million (£52.8 million) on sales of \$440 million (£369 million).

In the current financial year the company is forecasting pre-tax profits of \$75 million (£63 million) from a \$480 million (£402 million) turnover. The company employs 5,500 and has operations in 18 countries.

ICI will pay for a business with assets of \$155 million (£130 million) with a mixture of cash — it had liquid resources of \$560 million at the end of the third quarter — and a further draw-down on its £1 billion short-term borrowing facilities.

The deal completes two ICI objectives at a stroke, a further major expansion in the United States where sales are forecast to reach \$1.5 billion (£1.25 billion) this year and an acceleration into specialised chemicals and materials businesses.

John Harvey-Jones, chairman, said the takeover immediately put ICI among the world leaders in high growth, advanced materials and Philip Harvey, a main board director involved in the negotiations, described Beatrice as an opportunity ICI could not afford to miss.

ICI recognised that it has paid a high price for the company but executives are looking for sales and profit growth of 10 p.c. to 15 p.c. a year from a business that stood up well during recession.

Alan Clements, finance director, said the deal did not close ICI's options on further acquisitions. The takeover was the first major test for ICI's newly formed acquisitions team.

The announcement of the move was welcomed in the stock market where ICI shares ended 18p up at 680p.

## TWO NAMES ONLY appear on the short list of candidates for the job of heading the new City watchdog body or Securities Industry Authority, as it is tentatively called. They are Martin Jacob, vice-chairman of Kleinwort Benson, and David Walker, executive director of the Bank of England.

Mr Jacob is first choice, although he has yet to be persuaded to do the job. He is powerfully qualified both as a practitioner — he master-minded the British Telecom flotation — and as a supervisor. In the latter role he has chaired the City capital markets committee, and he has been deputy chairman of the Council for the Securities Industry and Take-over Panel. He also advised the Governor of the Bank of England on the new structure for self-regulation.

David Walker, who came to the Bank of England from the Treasury, has been equally involved in the City revolution, prodding and pushing behind the scenes as only a central banker can do. He has also made a striking intellectual contribution to the debate.

So great, indeed, are Mr Walker's qualities of mind and enthusiasm that he is mentioned as a future governor or deputy governor of the Bank itself. But it is wrong to suppose that Christopher "Kit" McMahon, the present deputy governor, finds himself on special Treasury blacklist of one for his handling of the Johnson Matthey Bankers rescue.

The likelihood is that Mr McMahon will be reappointed when his present five-year term comes to an end early next year.

Mr McMahon has no rivals within the Bank in experience or in international reputation. Moreover, under the new Governor, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Mr McMahon has been given a much larger role than his predecessors.

In effect Mr McMahon is architect of policy — which the Governor then endorses or rejects, as the case may be. But the Deputy Governor is the prime mover, as well as running the Bank on a day-to-day basis.

Meanwhile, the merchant banks are making their own dispositions.

## CITY COMMENT

# Top drawer candidates for watchdog role

It was announced yesterday that Sir John Nott is to succeed Ian Fraser as chairman and chief executive of Lazard Brothers when Mr Fraser reaches normal retirement age in August, 1985. Until then the two will run in harness as co-chairmen. In addition, the three wise men — Vernon Wylie, Tom Manners and Peter Grant — will be deputy chairmen.

Lazard Brothers is also taking a leaf from the book of its New York associate Lazard Freres. It has recruited a 58-year-old American, Gilbert Scharf, to build up a new capital markets facility specialising in currency and equity swaps, in stripping coupons from bonds and similar operations that reduce the cost of capital by precisely matching customers' needs.

## Shake-up at Montagu

UNLIKE LAZARDS, the management changes taking place at Samuel Montagu, a merchant banking subsidiary, look far from tidy and well thought out and raise some serious questions about the future relationship between the two institutions.

The dramatic news that chief executive Staffan Gadd is to quit after just four years, announced late on Wednesday night, confirms what many in the City have suspected for some time — that there has been a major clash of will between Montagu and its parent, going far beyond the usual cultural differences between staid clearing

over as chairman, but without an executive role. Christopher Sheridan, one of the few long-serving Montagu directors, takes over the running of the bank, leaving a clear executive spot still to be filled at group level.

The real danger, however, is that Midland, having allowed Montagu to do its own thing for four years, will now get the worst of all worlds by imposing its own heavy hand.

## Crumbs of comfort

AIR LAWSON, the Chancellor, yesterday stood on his rights and refused to guarantee the pensions industry against the threat of being milked to finance cuts in income tax next spring. He did, however, give two modest assurances, which will be useful in preventing complete panic. He pledged that the Government would not introduce a retrospective tax, and he also gave an assurance that no one should take early retirement in order to protect a tax free lump sum from tax.

The first undertaking will not be enough to satisfy Robert McCrindle, M.P., who demanded a guarantee that anyone already in a pension scheme by the date of the next Budget should be exempt from any future tax legislation. We understand what the Chancellor means in that any entitlements earned in the past will be treated separately from future entitlements in the event of any tax being brought in.

So for example, anyone with 50 years' service and say 10 years still to work before retirement would be certain of tax exemption on three-quarters of whatever precise percentage of any eventual lump sum benefit has already been earned. Anyone now nearing retirement would be subject to tax on only a tiny fraction of any lump sum which they can claim on retirement. In no case would the tax exceed the money they would lose anyway by retiring. By implication there is not much point in rushing to join a pension ahead of the Budget either.

## Oil prices plunge

OIL PRICES plunged sharply in spot markets yesterday but traders said that the fall was unjustified and blamed non-Oil industry speculators for the drop. Brent, the North Sea marker price, dropped to \$28.90 a barrel, almost \$2 below its official price of \$30.85 a barrel and was being quoted at \$27 for delivery in February.

The Commons Select Committee on Energy in a report published yesterday accepted that the British National Oil Corporation will have to introduce more flexible, spot market related pricing policies to avoid a repetition of this year's \$25m loss.

## 'First' for Grenfell

MORGAN GRENFELL has organised the first-ever British export credit financing where the money is lent to finance the capital markets rather than through traditional bank lending channels.

The \$155m deal, backed by the Export Credits Guarantee Department, is being financed through the issue of unsecured floating rate notes. The money is to go to Brazil.

## AE soars to £17m

AE HAS staged a dramatic recovery in its full year profits to September 30 with a pre-tax leap from £400 to £17.3m. The figures include the sale of Edmund Walker (Holdings) which was sold in August for £15m, at which time it was losing almost £200,000 a month.

The final dividend of 2.5p is payable on March 4, and takes the total for the year up to 4.25p. This compares with a single payment last year of 1.4p.

## Unigate tops £25m

AN INCREASED interim dividend of 3p a share against 2.75p in the way from Unigate, but will not be payable until April 1. Interim profits for the year to September 30 were £25.5m, up from £22.5m before tax, but the after-tax figure is unchanged at £16m.

The outlook for the full year is for "continued real growth in pre-tax profits", says chairman John Clement.

## LMS at £7.5m

PRE-TAX profits more than doubled at London Merchant Securities in the half year to September 30, from £3.5m to £7.5m. The major source of extra profit was oil and gas.

The interim dividend is lifted from 0.5p to 0.7p a share, payable October 16.

## In court

PATRICK Francis Collins, a partner in City solicitors Rovers & Rovers, appeared this morning at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court on five charges, including conspiring with others to obtain property by deception.

The charges relate to Vegas Trust, a London-based firm registered in Panama.

## Hambro Life 'frozen' on bid approach

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

HAMBRO LIFE'S managing director, Mark Weinberg, confirmed last night that a bid approach had been received for the group. Hambro Life shares had been suspended at the company's request at 2.30 p.m.

A further statement has been promised by Monday at the latest. Hambro Life shares were suspended at 4.55p after jumping 25p from Wednesday's closing price.

At the suspension price the group is worth £600 million and the 24.9 p.c. stake acquired by Charterhouse J Rothschild in preparation for the abortive merger earlier this year is now worth £150 million.

The prospect of a bid for Hambro Life excited the whole insurance sector yesterday, although prices closed below their best levels.

Hydrocarbon Insurance jumped to 580p before drifting back to finish 16p higher at 576p. Legal

## Debt row threatens BA flotation date

FEARS are growing that the planned British Airways' flotation in the middle of February will have to be postponed because of deadlock on the post-privatisation capital structure of the State airline.

Backbench MPs are pressing Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, to go further towards meeting Airways' plans to reconstruct its balance sheet by earmarking £400 million of the expected £1 billion sale proceeds towards reducing debt.

The signs are that the Treasury and Transport Department are willing to set aside only £200 million and want Airways' to find the balance from its own resources.

## Churchbury gets £59m price-tag

AS anticipated by the stock market, Greycoat City Offices has made an agreed bid for Churchbury Estates. The terms are 12 new ordinary shares in Greycoat, plus 75p nominal of unsecured loan stock, 1990/92 for every four Churchbury Ordinary shares.

At yesterday's closing price of 192p for Greycoat, the offer is worth £770 a share and there is a cash alternative of 75p. The Greycoat bid values Churchbury about £59 million.

## U.S. retail sales leap by 1.8pc

HOLIDAY shopping got off to a roaring start in November, but could help pull America's economy out of its slump, according to United States government figures yesterday.

The Commerce Department reported that retail sales rose 1.8 p.c. in November, after a 0.1 p.c. rise in October.

The sales strength surprised many economists as it was generally believed that consumers would cut Christmas plans in the light of sluggish economic growth but the sales report showed that nearly every sector of the retail market benefited from a late November surge and total sales for the month were up 8.5 p.c. on last year's level.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 6.29 lower at 1,168.84.

Sterling closed in New York at \$1.905, against \$1.995.

## UK industrial output shows modest rise

By FRANCES WILLIAMS

REVISED Government figures show a modest but steady increase in British industrial output since the beginning of the year rather than the stagflation trend previously thought.

Manufacturing production, which has been little affected by the miners' strike, was 1.3 p.c. higher in the three months to October than in the previous three months and 2.5 p.c. above its level a year earlier.

Overall industrial output, however, which includes the energy sector, continues to be depressed by the strike. Output in the latest three months was one p.c. up on three months earlier but one p.c. down on the year.

The Central Statistical Office estimates that the pits dispute has reduced industrial production by about 3.5 p.c. in recent months. About two-thirds of this is attributable directly to the loss of coal production and about one-third to the indirect impact on other industries, chiefly electricity but also including steel and aluminium.

Excluding the effects of the strike, industrial output may have risen by an underlying 2.5 p.c. or so over the latest 12 months. This represents a slowdown from more rapid rates

## Forecast of 8pc spending rise by industry

THE RECOVERY in industrial investment is set to continue until 1986 although growth will be at a slower rate than this year, according to government figures published yesterday.

Total spending by manufacturing, construction and distribution industries next year is forecast to rise by 8 p.c. after an estimated 11 p.c. this year.

Indications from the first survey about 1986 prospects, carried out by the Department of Trade and Industry, suggest little change from investment levels on next year's forecasts.

Manufacturing investment, including leased assets, is expected to rise by around 7 p.c. next year after a 12.4 p.c. improvement this year. Direct investment and leased assets are both expected to grow by 7 p.c.

The biggest growth is expected to new building work with a smaller rise in spending on plant and machinery and a modest drop in investment in vehicles.

All industries, except metal manufacturing, plan to increase investment next year with the engineering and chemical sectors leading the way.

Total manufacturing investment is forecast to reach £6.1 billion this year and £6.5 billion next, well down the 1979 peak of £8.2 billion.

## DAILY TELEGRAPH-NATWEST SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

# Small firms going places

By MICHAEL BECKET

WITH turnover up at least 50 p.c. in the past year, all eight finalists in the 1983 and 1984 Daily Telegraph/Natwest Small Business Awards for small business, report booming growth. Many are projecting growth to continue at an astonishing rate, if only they can find people and premises.

The competition itself helped. Even companies which were only runners-up found the publicity and the association with a national newspaper and a major bank gave them respectability.

A major problem for any new business is to demonstrate professional management for survival and effective financial and manufacturing controls.

Sales director of Dorover, David Williamson, said the award provided status — "potential customers started looking at us seriously".

His company produces drilling machines used to make printed circuit boards and expects current year sales to reach £1.5 million, double last year's total. By next year the rate of growth may have slowed but turnover is forecast to be £2.5 million.

Tony Harris, sales director of M & J Seafoods, found the publicity enabled him to persuade chains of pubs and restaurants to consider buying his frozen seafood.

Before then it had been one a time. To the end of September sales reached £2.2 million against some £1.5 million last year and the first quarter is 5 p.c. ahead of the £2.8 million target for the current year, with sales accelerating.

Noblelight, makers of high-powered lamps to activate lasers, found "it takes a long time to achieve credibility, but the award helped".

## Maxwell names beneficiaries

ULTIMATE beneficiaries of Liechtenstein trusts which own Robert Maxwell's companies Pergamon Press, British Printing and Communications Corporation, and their other investments are "a number of charities and relatives of the grandparents of Mr and Mrs Maxwell not resident in the United Kingdom."

This was disclosed yesterday by Mr Maxwell's merchant bank Henry Ansbacher in response to a demand from John Waddington, the games to packaging group Mr Maxwell has been trying to take over.

But with acceptance of only 7 p.c. for his £5 a share offer, the bid failed as a previous one had last year.

## Boase in £14.5m acquisition

ADVERTISING agency Boase Massimi Pollitt is paying up to £14.5 million in shares for Marketing Solutions, a privately-owned marketing, printing and publishing company.

Half the 1.08 million shares issued in respect of an initial £5.5 million are being placed through Morgan Grenfell at 610p a share, and together with a further issue in respect of another £3.4 million payable in May, 1986, will increase the agency's issued equity by over 30 p.c.

The balance of the consideration is profits-related and may also be satisfied in shares in May, 1987.

# RHP Group plc

Preliminary Results for the 52 weeks ended 28 September 1984

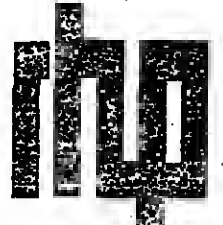
- Sustained Progress
- Further £7m Cash Inflow
- Substantial Profit Improvement
- Order Books Strengthened
- Improved Margins
- Increased Dividend

	1984		1983	
	1st Half (Unaudited)	2nd Half (Unaudited)	Year	Year
Sales	£000	£000	£000	£000
	53,458	52,247	105,705	102,379
Operating profit	3,050	5,170	8,220	3,481
Exceptional items	(127)	(481)	(608)	(343)
Profit before interest	2,923	4,689	7,612	3,138
Interest	(817)	(562)	(1,379)	(2,478)
Profit before tax	2,106	4,127	6,233	660

RHP Group plc is a British precision engineering group which manufactures ball and roller bearings and a specialised range of fasteners for the automotive, engineering and aerospace industries, and electro-mechanical and electronic products for control and automation applications in a wide range of industries.

The company has subsidiaries in Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA, and authorised distributors throughout the rest of the world.

Copies of the full Report and Accounts are available from: RHP Group plc, PO Box 20, Pilgrim House, High Street, Billerica, Essex CM12 9XY.



### WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (AMC 25)	173.5 - 0.1
BRUSSELS	158.22 - 0.09
FRANKFURT	
(Commerzbank)	1,084.50 - 2.60
(Hans. Sachs)	1,126.49 - 9.26
NEW YORK	
(JP Morgan)	1,168.84 - 6.29
(ICAC General)	180.90 - 0.40
(All. Ord.)	376.4 - 4.9
TOKYO	
(Nikkei Dow)	11,340.05 - 42.20
ZURICH	
(Credit Suisse)	518.90 - 0.50

### U.S. RATES

Federal funds	8 1/2 p.c. (unch.)
Treas. 3 month bills	8 3/8 - 34 (8 26 - 23)
Long bonds	\$100 - 2 1/2 (100 - 2)
Field	11 5/8 p.c. (11 53 p.c.)

### U.S. COMMODITIES

Gold	359.50 - 0.20
Crude oil	28.90 - 0.20
Wheat	4.10 - 0.05
Corn	3.10 - 0.05
Soybeans	10.50 - 0.10
Live cattle	45.00 - 0.50
Hog	42.00 - 0.50
Pork	48.00 - 0.50
Chicken	1.10 - 0.05
Eggs	1.10 - 0.05
Flour	4.10 - 0.05
Cotton	65.00 - 0.50
Wool	1.10 - 0.05
Alumina	1.10 - 0.05
Aluminum	1.10 - 0.05
Copper	1.10 - 0.05
Lead	1.10 - 0.05
Zinc	1.10 - 0.05
Nickel	1.10 - 0.05
Palladium	1.10 - 0.05
Rhodium	1.10 - 0.05
Platinum	1.10 - 0.05
Silver	1.10 - 0.05
Tin	1.10 - 0.05
Vanadium	1.10 - 0.05
Antimony	1.10 - 0.05
Arsenic	1.10 - 0.05
Bismuth	1.10 - 0.05
Cadmium	1.10 - 0.05
Chromium	1.10 - 0.05
Cobalt	1.10 - 0.05
Iron	1.10 - 0.05
Manganese	1.10 - 0.05
Molybdenum	1.10 - 0.05
Neodymium	1.10 - 0.05
Niobium	1.10 - 0.05
Praseodymium	1.10 - 0.05
Samarium	1.10 - 0.05
Scandium	1.10 - 0.05
Strontium	1.10 - 0.05
Tantalum	1.10 - 0.05
Tellurium	1.10 - 0.05
Thallium	1.10 - 0.05
Thorium	1.10 - 0.05
Titanium	1.10 - 0.05
Vanadium	1.10 - 0.05
Yttrium	1.10 - 0.05
Zirconium	1.10 - 0.05

### FT-ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	557.74 (+2.18)
500	628.78 (+1.32)
All-Share	574.18 (+1.59)



## Further diversification

reports Paul Nicholson, the chairman

● Our policy of diversification has continued to pay off and we have recently announced the purchase of 65 fully stocked off-licences at a cost of £3.3m and two public houses in London at a cost of £1.2m.

● Pre-tax profits for the year to 29 September 1984 at £13.03 million—up £957,000—continue the unbroken trend since 1983.

● A final dividend of 6.85p per share net makes a total for the year of 10.05p—an increase of almost 11% over last year.

● While beer profits did not reach last year's levels partly because of the miners' strike, hotel profits and wines and spirits profits are well ahead and now account for 42% of the total.

● Developments during the year include a franchise agreement to brew Tuborg lager and major alterations in 47 existing pubs and the acquisition of 4 pubs, 35 off-licences and the 210 bedroom St. John's Hotel, Solihull.

● Sales and profits have started well in the current year.

● We plan to dispose of Fred Koch brewery, New York State, and have included as an extraordinary item £0.8 million as the possible loss occurring on disposal.

● To reflect the change in the emphasis of the company's activities, we are proposing to shareholders to change our name to "Vaux Group plc", of which the principal divisions will be Vaux Breweries, Wards and Darleys Breweries, Swallow Hotels and James Bell wines and spirits.

Copies of the Report and Accounts will be available after 21 December 1984 from The Secretary, The Brewery, Sunderland SR1 3AN.

**Vaux Breweries**

<p>The Lombard 14 Days Notice Deposit Rate is</p> <p><b>9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>%</b></p> <p>per annum</p> <p>Minimum deposit £2,500</p>	<p>The Lombard Cheque Savings Rate is</p> <p><b>9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>%</b></p> <p>per annum</p> <p>When the balance is £250 and over</p>	<p><b>7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>%</b></p> <p>per annum</p> <p>When the balance is £250 to £2,500</p>
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## COMPANIES

### Arthur Lee

ARTHUR LEE & SONS, the steel bar and wire rope maker which was well on the road to recovery at the interim stage with £269,000 pre-tax, went up to £1.55m for the full year as against a loss of £571,000.

There are earnings of 3-18p (1p 2-11p) and to turn there is a 0-9p final dividend on Feb 22 doubling the total to 1-2p.

The group has made a satisfactory start this time although there are indications that demand may be less strong in the months ahead. It anticipates however further benefits from past rationalisation.

### Butterfield-Harvey

BUTTERFIELD-HARVEY, which was the subject of a July rescue package involving the Midland Bank and Technology Incorporated of the United States, has cut the opening half pre-tax loss from £730,000 to £126,000 aided by the absence of redundancy costs which took £330,000 in the corresponding period.

At the trading level profit was up from £70,000 to £330,000.

### Greene, King

SUFFOLK-BASED brewer Greene, King and Sons continues its steady profits growth for at the pre-tax level of 15 p.p.c. at the interim mark from £3,44m to £5,68m. Trading conditions remain highly competitive but the board is confident that the full year's outturn will also top 1983-84's £8.76m pre-tax. Sales in this half were 8 p.c. ahead at £28.7m.

The interim dividend is 1-54p (1-45p) on Feb 1 from earnings of 5-3p (5-3p).

### Haslemere Estates

TURNOVER and pre-tax profits were lower at Haslemere Estates for the six months to Sept. 30, profits from £2.7m to £2.6m and turnover from £13.7m to £12.5m. But with earnings per share at 5-74p against 5-56p, the interim dividend is lifted from 2-09p to 2-3p.

### RHP Group

THE improvement at precision engineering concern RHP Group, more than evident at half-way when it turned round from £289,000 loss to a £2.11m profit, has continued for it has ended 1983-84 with £6.2m as against just £690,000.

Dividend restoration continues and the final goes up from 0-75p to 1-75p on Feb. 8 for a 3p (1-25p) total from earnings of 11-1p (1-8p).

At the operating level earnings made £4.06m (£2.0m) while the elected activities turned in £3.07m (£2.45m).

Profits were struck after a £1.58m (£2.48m) interest charge and exceptional debit £908,000 (£545,000).

All activities are operating at a profitable level and order book is strong.

### Richards

ABERDEEN textiles group Richards's confidence that its improvement would continue has proven justified for the full year pre-tax profit outturn is up from just £30,000 to £207,000 and in line with the board's hopes the dividend total is restored to 1-45p (0-75p) with a 0-85p final.

### Sidlaw Group

SIDLAW GROUP continues to reward its shareholders well for their dividend total for 1983-84 is going up 4p to 20p with a 4p final on Feb 15. The 50p shares are to be split into units of 25p and they are getting a one-for-five scrip issue.

Backing is another record year for the company, whose activities cover oilfield services, textiles and microsystems, with pre-tax profits on from £5.03m to £6.37m on turnover of £49.8m (£43m) for earnings of 40-85p (48-05p).

### Vaux Breweries

HELPED by a good performance from its Swallow Hotels Vaux Breweries has nudged the full year pre-tax outturn on from £12.1m to a new peak of £15.03m on turnover £18m ahead at £128.6m.

At the trading level Swallow made £5.16m (£3.78m) with the buoyant tourist and business market increasing occupancy levels in 58 p.c. Brewing sales from £12m to £17.5m. Wines and spirits contributed £438,000 (£253,000). Profits were struck after finance charges of £2.21m (£1.68m).

Below the line there is an extraordinary debit £1.21m (nil) being losses on disposal and deferred tax provision. Earnings are net from 24-2p to 27-4p and the total dividend rises from 9-07p to 10-05p with a 6-85p final.

Chairman Paul Nicholson says that beer volumes are ahead of last year while Swallow has made a good start to the current year. The group is further expanding its off-licence chain with the acquisition of 65 off-licences from J. W. Cameron for £3.5m and is also buying two London pubs for £1.2m.

The consideration for both purchases will be satisfied by the issue of 2.16m new Ordinary and £200,000 in cash.

### IN BRIEF

Elbridge Pape: Full year pre-tax profit £2.5m (£2.25m) including £67,500 (£256,000) from property sales. Turnover £22.4m

£20-2m). Eps 17-2p (18-9p). Extraordinary charge, deferred tax £350,000 (nil). Final dividend 2-5p making 4-9p (4-25p). Fast sales continued in make progress and traditional beer sales held their own.

British Building and Engineering Appliances: First half pre-tax profit £144,000 (£164,000). Turnover £1.76m (£2.02m). Eps 6-5p (7-4p). Interim dividend 1-35p (1-25p) payable Feb. 8.

Benjamin Priestland Group: First half pre-tax profit £4,000 (loss £160,000) after interest charge of £338,000 (£382,000). Turnover £14.9m (£15m). Dividend nil (£260,000). Divestment programme completed; major restructuring of retained companies nearing completion.

Faller Smith & Turner: First half pre-tax profit £1.78m (£1.54m). Eps 12-47p (11-85p). Interim dividend 2-4 p.c. (2 p.c.) payable Jan. 17. Advance due to increased turnover and improved profits in managed houses; second half has begun well.

Harold Inman: First half pre-tax profit £137,000 (£53,000) loss. Turnover £3.2m (£3.1m). Eps 4-7p (4-2p). Interim dividend 1-35p (1-25p) payable Jan. 31. Liquidity very high; second half profits expected to top first.

Thorp's Group: First half pre-tax profit £54,000 (£53,000). Turnover £1.79m (£1.28m). Eps 1p (nil). Interim dividend again nil payable Jan. 23. Sales continue buoyant.

Canvermoor: Full year pre-tax profits £402,500 (£321,200). Turnover £3.7m (£3.7m). Eps 4-7p (12-7p). Final dividend 2-44p payable 22 making 5-64p (5-44p). Profits depressed by recession in North and miners' strike.

### RIGHTS ISSUES

#### Carr's Milling

CARR'S MILLING Industries is raising some £287,500 by way of a one-for-four rights issue at 85p a share. The board says this will give flexibility to take advantage of opportunities for internal expansion and also enable it to set up or acquire compatible businesses. It comes together with full year pre-tax profits showing a dip from £280,000 to £254,000, but a 15 p.c. increase in this time in the second half.

Sales improved from £44.9m to £51.1m reflecting price and volume increases and the successful introduction of new baking and animal feed products.

The second half improvement is being maintained and the current year has made a "very encouraging start."

The final dividend is held at 5-75p on Jan. 25 for a same again 5-3p total. The board intend to maintain the level on the interim dividend. Earnings were 18-5p (17-5p).

## THE QUESTOR COLUMN

# Slimmer, fitter AE flexes its muscles

AFTER four years of dismal profits—and the occasional loss—AE has pulled itself up by the bootstraps to produce a pre-tax total to September 30, 1984 of £17.5 million against just £400,000.

It is interesting to speculate how far the recovery would have come without the K.N. shares at 107p on a prospective earnings multiple of 6.3. This is one to follow closely.

United Kingdom staffing levels have been cut by more than half to 10,811 over the last five years and most of that reduction was completed before the end of 1982-83.

The secret of AE's sudden upsurge is its penetration of dull and declining markets. It has steadily broadened its product base within the engineering components business and excluding Edmunds Walker (Holdings)—which was disposed of in August while making losses of around £200,000 a month—there has been an underlying United Kingdom sales volume increase of over 10 p.c.

Some areas still need tightening up but the major rationalisation programme has been completed and the company is now seeking to expand further into Europe and the United States.

Borrowings are down to 31 p.c. of shareholders' funds, from 44 p.c. thanks partly to the £15 million proceeds from the Edmunds Walker sale and the company should soon be in a position to measure acquisition opportunities. That could help

million, although most of that will be made good in the second half.

In meat, Bowyers was squeezed by the pigmeat problem, although despite weakness made headway with products. But with white meat volume up about 8 p.c. this year against a 9 p.c. fall in red meat sales, the business needs to be making money at this stage of the cycle.

Unigate's other diversifications, helped by currency translation, generally moved ahead with Unigate the star performer. Nearly a quarter of group profits are now generated overseas.

Working capital requirements increased by £24.2 million in the half year which is more likely to be a reflection of seasonal factors than poor housekeeping.

On the assumption of unchanged earnings for the full year, the shares at 151p are selling at 8.2 times, which appears cheap until we remember that Unigate's earnings per share were higher in 1980 than they are now.

## LMS gets up head of steam

FANS of London Merchant Securities have always had to look to the asset base to justify the share price in recent years has amply demonstrated the difficulties of such a procedure.

But now that Maureen has started to yield her North Sea bounty, investors can turn to base and use conventional earnings yardsticks to evaluate the shares.

LMS holds its stake in Maureen through a 29.4 p.c. stake to Century Power and Light, and the start-up has been enough to swing the oil and gas activities from a £475,000 loss to a £3.75 million profit in the half year to September.

The effect on LMS has been dramatic. Pre-tax profits have surged from £3.55 million to £7.52 million and interim earnings are up from 0-84p to 2-39p.

That profits increase has been achieved despite taking to revenue, for the first time, the £600,000 carrying cost of the still upset oilcock at the Angel, Islington. Costs have hitherto been capitalised.

The development has created interest, but has so far found no taker. Surplus space in the City is being absorbed, so prospects are brightening but it will be some time before it starts to generate the £2.5 million annual dividend.

When it does, LMS will see another sharp boost to profits, which are also feeling the effects of the strong performance at First Leisure, where it has a 28.9 p.c. stake.

Further into the ebb, the group can look forward to the coming on stream of the Audrey gas field and other Century interests.

In short, it is set for a period of earnings growth which is hardly recognised in a prospective price/earnings of about 12 at 76p.

## Cluff cuts loss

CLUFF OIL, the independent oil exploration company quoted on the U.S.M. which in March won its £16m battle for Oil Associated Investment Trust, reports first half pre-tax losses of £348,000 as against a restated £734,000.

Production from the Buchan field for the first nine months of 1984 generated around £340,000 in over riding royalty which will enable Cluff to cover the final instalment of £1p on the convertible "A" shares on Dec. 31, as usual, there is no ordinary dividend.

## Utd Scientific falls

FULL YEAR pre-tax profits from United Scientific Holdings are down as forecasted by the board in October from last year's peak of £15.2m to £12.1m, not despite a 2.5p drop in earnings to 14-3p. The final dividend is being raised from 3p to 3-5p on April 9 for a 5-5p (5p) total.

## Somers improves

MITCHELL Somers, the engineer and forgemaster, which recovered strongly in the second half of 1983, went on to £589,000 pre-tax in the opening period this time as against just £9,000.

There is a same-again 1-5p interim dividend on Jan. 18.

# Arlington Motors

Interim Results	26 weeks ended 26th September 1984	26 weeks ended 26th September 1983	Year to 31st March 1984
Sales	38,517	34,882	77,912
Profit before tax	1,066	1,030	1,937
Extraordinary item	318	—	(128)
Shareholders' funds	11,823	10,173	10,633

Dividends per share 2.5p 2.5p 8.5p  
Earnings per share 22.0p 21.9p 39.1p

Half year figures unaudited

Highlights from Mr N.C.N. Housden's statement to shareholders:

- Record results for the half year achieved, despite major disturbance in moving part of the business to two new locations and establishing new facilities for servicing buses and coaches.
- Marked advance in profits from car auctions, contract hire and leasing, parts and service departments generally and Arlington Motor Finance.
- Second half year should prove satisfactory.

**ARLINGTON MOTOR HOLDINGS**

Commercial and passenger vehicles, car sales, servicing, vehicle parts and accessories, petrol, auctions, leasing, self-drive and contract hire, bodybuilding, instalment credit finance.

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**1 MONTH NOTICE SHARE** 8-80% = 8-78%  
1 month notice for withdrawal without penalty, immediate withdrawal with only 1 month loss of interest on amount.  
12.25% = 12.55%

**6 MONTH NOTICE SHARE** 8-85% = 8-05%  
6 month notice for withdrawal without penalty.  
12.64% = 12.95%

**3 YEAR PERIOD SHARE** 9-05% = 9-25%  
3 year notice for withdrawal, no interest paid on amount withdrawn during period.  
12.83% = 12.21%

Minimum investment £200  
All rates are subject to change without notice.  
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Portsmouth Building Society  
Member of the Building Societies Association and its Investors Protection Scheme.  
Established 1895. Authorised for Investment by Treasury.

**IT IS TYPICALLY BRITISH TO SET UP A COMPETITION FOR A NEW BASIC TRAINER FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN WHICH FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS ARE INVITED TO COMPETE WITH AN EXCELLENT HOME PRODUCED AIRCRAFT.**

INTERVIA (SWISS AEROSPACE MAGAZINE) MAY 1984

**OBVIOUSLY WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WHICH IS TO SECURE THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE TRAINER TO MEET ITS NEEDS OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DECADES.**

MR JOHN LEE, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PROCUREMENT, HOUSE OF COMMONS, 4th JULY 1984.

**I AM IN NO DOUBT THAT TURBO FIRECRACKER IS THE MOST SUITABLE ON GROUNDS OF HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS, PRICE AND THE FACT THAT IT IS A HOME DESIGN WAITING TO PROVIDE JOBS IN THE UK.**

ALAN BRAMSON, PILOT MAGAZINE, JUNE 1984.

**WHEN IT COMES TO A CHOICE BETWEEN BRITISH AND FOREIGN PURCHASE, OUR POLICY IS TO BUY BRITISH WHEREVER IT IS GOOD SENSE, ECONOMIC AND CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO DO SO.**

MR GEOFFREY PATTIE, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PROCUREMENT, HOUSE OF COMMONS, 2nd FEBRUARY 1984.

**WE HAVE IN BRITAIN A COMPANY WHICH HAS DESIGNED AND BUILT AN AIRCRAFT WITH PRIVATE MONEY, WHICH MEETS THE RAF'S ESSENTIAL SPECIFICATION. IT IS CHEAPER THAN THE FOREIGN COMPETITION AND CAN DEMONSTRATE THE CREATION OF JOBS AND A LARGE POTENTIAL EXPORT MARKET. IT HAS FIRM INDUSTRIAL BACKING AND EXPERTISE TO SUPPORT THE RAF FOR A 25-YEAR IN-SERVICE PERIOD.**

MR KEITH BEST MP, HOUSE OF COMMONS, 4th JULY 1984.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY TO THE BRITISH ECONOMY CANNOT BE OVER ESTIMATED. INDEED, IF WE HAD TO PRODUCE AN IDEAL EXAMPLE OF AN INDUSTRY WITH HIGH VALUE ADDED EXPORT PRODUCTS, WE NEED LOOK NO FURTHER THAN AEROSPACE.**

THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, SEPTEMBER 1980.

**LET'S KEEP TRAINING RAF PILOTS ON AIRCRAFT DESIGNED IN BRITAIN. NOT IN BRAZIL, AUSTRALIA OR SWITZERLAND.**

**FIRECRACKER**

HUNTING FIRECRACKER AIRCRAFT LIMITED  
1 DUKE OF YORK STREET LONDON SW1 TEL 01-930 6981



## UNIT TRUST PRICES

## AUTHORISED TRUSTS

## ASSET UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

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## £250,000 HARFORD FOR LUTON

By ROGER MALONE  
MICK HARFORD'S £250,000 transfer from Birmingham yesterday underlined Luton's determination to buy themselves out of relegation trouble—and the ever-lasting value placed on natural centre forwards.

Luton have spent £400,000 in a fortnight on signings that have included defender Steve Foster from Aston Villa and midfielder David Preece from Walsall.

The career-savvy moves of Harford, 25, from Lincoln to



Mick Harford... natural centre forward.

Kenilworth Road via Newcastle, Bristol City and Birmingham, cost £200,000.

Harford, particularly in his aerial play, has often looked capable of big things, but Birmingham's struggles and relegation to Division Two last season handicapped his career.

**Fitness test**  
An ankle problem in recent weeks has denied Harford League action, with a fitness test now being required to discover his readiness for a fifth debut at Leicester tomorrow.

Birmingham, enjoying a £150,000 profit on Harford's two-and-a-half years with them, immediately invested £200,000 on Coventry's midfielder Nicky Platts—bought to persuade West Bromwich to let them keep Tony Morley.

Albion wanted £30,000 for the former Villa and England left-winger, who has revitalised Birmingham's promotion campaign with three goals in four games, but Morley could not agree personal terms for a full transfer. He could return for Albion as suspended Steve Hui's replacement at Arsenal.

Southend's troubled finances have been improved by Peterborough buying the striker Greg Shephard for £20,000. Gordon Cowies, Villa's only ever-present this season, is to be dropped against Liverpool tomorrow, a sign of his club's team problems and that the former England international is finding his best form elusive after returning from a broken leg.

## THUGS' SHADOW OVER BRITISH CUP PROGRESS

By DONALD SAUNDERS  
THE presence of Tottenham and Manchester United in today's draw for the quarter-finals of the three European competitions, with already-qualified Liverpool and Everton, indicates the continued strength of League football.

Alas, this is overshadowed by the distinct possibility of Celtic being banned from European competition for several years after the stupidity of two of their supporters during the UEFA-enforced

replay of the second leg of their Cup Winners' Cup-tie with Rapid Vienna.

On the Continent, Scots, English, Irish and Welsh are lumped together as British and the incidents at Old Trafford on Wednesday night when two Rapid players were assaulted, will reinforce their view that all of us are hoodlums.

There is rough justice about that general condemnation. British soccer supporters are the worst-behaved travellers on the international circuit.

**British invasion**  
Over the last 12 years, Europeans have good cause to remember visits by Celtic to Lisbon, Glasgow Rangers to Barcelona, Leeds to Paris, Tottenham to Rotterdam, Manchester United to St. Etienne and England to Luxembourg, Basle and Torino—to name only a few of the cities suffering invasion by British fans.

So it will be utterly hypocritical to suggest Celtic are the victims of a couple of misguided supporters if—as is highly likely—they are thrown out of the European competition.

Though only a handful of fans attracted police action at Old Trafford on Wednesday, thousands of others showed far beyond the borders of what most non-soccer persons would accept as civilised behaviour.

Listening to frustrated Celtic supporters expressing their hatred of anyone presumably opposed to their bigoted religious, political or sporting viewpoint was as disturbing as watching the National Front demonstrate their disapproval of the inclusion of two black players in England's squad in Chile last summer.

Indeed there is, at present, a deep-rooted sickness among British sports crowds, in my early memory, were renowned for their sportsmanship throughout the world.

To suggest, unfortunately, the situation is moved from the unpleasant to the downright dangerous. Fans are not simply attacking each other in throwing bottles in the general direction of the source of their irritation—they are physically assaulting players.

When that stage is reached all involved in the game must ask themselves whether even the money at stake justifies its continued existence as a mass spectator sport.

Certainly, UEFA, even allowing for occasional eruptions of violence on or off the pitch in other member countries, are rapidly approaching the time when they will have to consider the expulsion of all British clubs.



Herbert Feurer, the Rapid Vienna goalkeeper, being bundled into his goal by a spectator, at Old Trafford on Wednesday night, when the efforts of five policemen were needed to quell the interloper.

## Spurs' spirit lifted but flesh weakened

By MICHAEL CALVIN  
TOTTENHAM are determined that their championship challenge will not be undermined by the wounds suffered during a vicious assault by Bohemians Prague on their European crown.

A First Division trip to Watford is hardly the ideal assignment for a side still reeling from the scar of Bohemians' unrelenting physical excesses in the UEFA Cup.

Glenn Hoddle, who sustained facial, groin and thigh injuries in one of the most vicious fights in English football, was in the starting line-up on Wednesday when a 1-1 draw gave Spurs a 2-1 aggregate victory, definitely missing tomorrow's match at Villa Park.

Graham Roberts is prepared to play with a protective covering over his lashed left eye and other team mates will see more of the treatment table than the training pitch before a game which could see their return to the top of the League.

But Peter Shreeves, Spurs' manager, is developing a philosophical approach to the relentless demands of the modern game. The spirit has been lifted but the flesh has been weakened, he reported, as his team savoured the reward of their restraint in the face of the most cynical provocation.

Mr Shreeves stated that he had asked Alex Poonet, the Belgian referee, for extra protection at half-time during the third round match in Czechoslovakia. His request was shared by Gunter Schneider, the official UEFA observer.

The Tottenham manager explained: "Although the referee had an excellent game overall, I stressed to him that he had a duty to protect us. There were too many incidents which could have left players with a broken leg, that something needed to be said."

Like the rest of the Spurs team, Mr Shreeves was shaken at the 6-1 defeat of Anderlecht, the UEFA Cup favourite, at Real Madrid. He has no qualms about the quality of the opposition in today's quarter-final draw in Zurich, but true to the pragmatic nature of his profession, he is ready to turn his attention to domestic matters.

"We should be grateful that we have got the UEFA Cup to look forward to," he stressed. "But we must concentrate on the League and then chipping away at the job of winning the title."

**Gola League**

## Kidderminster are closing on leaders

By PETER ERNEST  
FIVE weeks ago Kidderminster Harriers lay fifth from bottom of the Gola League. Now, after three successive away wins, each worth three points, they have surged up the table and are fifth from bottom.

Kidderminster's latest success was in their 4-2 win last Saturday at Barnet where Martin Woodall scored twice. He now serves a two-match suspension and misses tomorrow's home game against champions Maidstone.

Graham Aitken, Harriers' happy manager, said: "The pleasing aspect of our run is that it has been achieved without four or five of our best players. Now we are hoping that the team will be able to attract higher crowds for home games, where our record has not been so good."

Dagenham and Telford, the only two Gola League teams left in the FA Cup after last week's second-round tie, return to equally tough away league fixtures tomorrow at Northwich Victoria and Bath City respectively.

**Injury lay-off**  
Dagenham's dreams of meeting Manchester United at Old Trafford died on Tuesday when they lost 4-1 in their replay with Bournemouth. But John Still, the Kent club's manager, was proud of his team's Cup run and looks forward to welcoming Barnet to tomorrow's league game.

Second-placed Wexham also return to league action with a long trip to Frickley Athlete, who will be anxious to start picking up points as they have played only 13 games. Steve McGarran should be back for the London club after an injury lay-off.

One of the day's most interesting fixtures promises to be the bottom versus top clash between Gateshead and Altrincham at the International Stadium.

But Ray White, the Gateshead manager, will have to take on the leaders without Ian Donaldson, his leading scorer, who has suffered a suspected left leg

## Squash Rackets

## MOIGNAN'S TITLE AT LAST

ALISON CUMINGS, winner in 1982, broke down and sobbed after being beaten in only 18 minutes in the final of the British women's squash rackets championships at Sheffield last night.

Cumings, 25, from Oxted, Surrey, was thrashed 9-1, 9-2, 9-0 by Guernsey's world No. 4, Martine Le Moignan, who took the title for the first time after finishing runner-up three times, once to Cumings in 1982.

Cumings learned later that her defeat was the second quickest final on record. She herself took merely 13 minutes to beat Teresa Lawes in 1977.

**Soon in action**  
Cumings, the world No. 8, still teared up after her defeat, got to the right from the start. I knew I had to get going quickly but nothing I planned worked out.

Le Moignan, now settled in Portsmouth, said that she had been "terrific" in practice earlier.

She was quickly in action when the final began and needed only two devastating spells to finish off her bewildered rival.

The first came when she took six points on her opening serve, a blow Cumings had little chance of surviving.

And as the second round began, Le Moignan scored 14 points in one hand to get 6-0 up in the third game, leaving Cumings distraught.

Le Moignan said: "Despite what happened in practice I felt really good and everything went just right."

She had played for ages. I was tired, but I was happy. I had won the title.

**Angling**  
**CHEESE & ONION  
BAIT FOR CHUB**

By DEREK FLETCHER  
I read in an old angling book that winter chub "lack the bait of the summer variety."

It is just not true. Anyone who believes this old tale will soon change their mind when their rod dips to a two-pounder.

On some waters just now chub are taking small pieces of floating bread crust, and it has produced some real fish.

A minnow is also a good lure, and you should fish it slowly and cast it gently into a likely looking chub swim.

**Deep feeding**  
A piece of onion flavoured cheese will make a chub bite on a stretch of river which is deep and fast flowing. This is easier to reach large fish feeding near the bottom.

In extremely cold weather you will find it an advantage to keep the cheese bait smaller, around the size of a marble, as it gets milder. It will improve results by increasing the size of the offering.

Chub are not generally very finicky fish, but the exception is during extreme changes of temperature. Their large mouths can take almost anything, but in the warmer summer months the wide variety includes grass, worms, grubs and even garden slugs.

**Rugby League**  
**ADMISSION PRICE  
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Fulham Rugby League club have cut admission prices at their Crystal Palace headquarters in an attempt to increase attendance.

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**ICE SKATING**

WORLD CUP OF SKATING. The 1981-82 season is under way. The first round of the World Cup of Skating is being held in London. The winners will receive a trophy and a cash prize.

**SKIING**

FREESTYLE WORLD CUP. The 1981-82 season is under way. The first round of the World Cup of Skiing is being held in London. The winners will receive a trophy and a cash prize.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE. The 1981-82 season is under way. The first round of the National League is being held in London. The winners will receive a trophy and a cash prize.

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(Kick-off 7.30)

**DIVISION II**  
Middlesbrough v Shrewsbury

**DIVISION III**  
Doncaster v Wigan

**DIVISION IV**  
Sunderland v Charlton

## Olympia International

## Bullen stars in Celebrity Stakes

By ALAN SMITH  
SARA BULLEN, actress and singer, put her expertise in the saddle to good use when partnering junior show-jumper John Renwick to win Modern

Alarms Celebrity Stakes, the opening competition of the Olympia International last night.

Miss Bullen, second most experienced of the celebrities, is the sister of three Olympic riders: Jane Holderness-Roddam, Jennie Loristoo-Clarke, and Mike Bullen.

Mrs Holderness-Roddam won a three-day event team gold in Mexico and although Miss Bullen has never aspired to such heights she is a proficient rider and had no problem with last night's small fences.

She and Renwick, 12, had the best changeover of the competition and the young Essex rider and his pony flew round the course so fast they nearly over-shot the turn into the second fence.

**Delayed change**  
They overtook the pace-making pair of Anthony Andrews and Neil Troth, with Mike Tucker, an international three-day event rider, and Mike Greasey, third. A delayed change cost Tucker and Miss Greasey any chance of success.

Andrews, who made his name in the television serial "Brideshead Revisited", is on a brief return to Britain from his home in Hollywood.

Gillian Greenwood, the European junior show-jumping champion, and daughter of international rider John, was in London yesterday to receive the Vician Bachelor Trophy, for the Young Rider of the Year award, from the British Equestrian Writers Association.

Miss Greenwood, 18, will be competing at the afternoon sessions of the Olympia show.

Gloria Holgate, winner of the senior award, is in Zimbabwe but her mother Heather took the Bawa Trophy on her behalf.

Miss Holgate, who won the individual bronze and team silver medals in the Los Angeles Olympics, is well known to the British National Life Assurance, but her teammate Diana Clapham is not so lucky.

Simon Fraser, Miss Clapham's supporter for some time, has pulled out of the sport and she is desperately looking for a replacement to avoid having to place either her Olympic horse string, or her set III, both of which belonged to Mr Fraser.

"I had to buy them, but they really belong to the bank. I can't afford to keep them like any other top rider, needs at least two international horses."

**MODERN ALARMS CELEBRITY STAKES**  
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# NATO FACES UP TO NEED FOR EAST CONTACTS

By DAVID ADAMSON, Diplomatic Correspondent in Brussels

THE twin strands of Western policy towards the Soviet Union were knitted together by Nato Foreign Ministers yesterday.

They were beginning a two-day review of strategy in advance of the Superpower meeting next month in Geneva at which the stage will be set for negotiations on nuclear arms control.

The first strand subsists in the fact that deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles and the threat of a new era in American-led space weaponry have obliged the Russians to return to the negotiating table after a year's absence.

The second strand is a recognition that arms-control talks cannot succeed unless the political environment is improved.

An hour-long speech by Mr. Shultz, American Secretary of State, set out the broad approach to his meeting with Mr. Gorbachev, Soviet Foreign Minister, in Geneva on Jan. 7-8.

He emphasised that patience was an essential ingredient and promise that there would be close consultation with the Allies was welcomed by the Europeans, who, having accepted the general strategy, seemed prepared to leave the tactics to Mr. Shultz.

**Diplomatic offensive**

The European role will be that of launching a diplomatic offensive intended to persuade the Soviet-bloc nations that the West wants closer relations and does not accept that the Soviet Union can exert any sort of veto on military and political relations with the United States.

In this context, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, is to visit Bulgaria, Rumania,

Czechoslovakia, and East Germany next year.

Poland has been omitted for the time being, partly because the visit has still not settled after the visit of Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State, Foreign Office, who laid a wreath on the grave of the murdered Father Popieluszko and met leaders of Solidarity, the banned independent trade union.

Other European Ministers and leaders are to visit the Soviet Union and Eastern European countries.

The British meanwhile see the visit next week by Mr. Gorbachev, No. 2 in the Kremlin hierarchy, and spring talks in London with Mr. Gromyko as important parts of the attempt to restore the murky waters of East-West relations to relatively limpid conditions.

**Tide turning**

Noticeable now about the annual meeting of the 16 Nato Ministers is an air of confidence that the arms-negotiations tide is turning and the extent to which they have coerced their approach.

In his opening speech, Herr Genscher, West German Foreign Minister, the conference chairman, emphasised that Europeans should share defence burdens.

He said Nato respected the Soviet Union's legitimate security interests and was determined to focus its military and arms-control efforts on establishing an overall equilibrium.

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By IAN BALL

## IRA killer 'escapes'

way to the United States and was arrested in New York on June 18 last year.

His escape was promptly taken up by Irish-American lawyers with known IRA sympathies. They successfully contended that the killing was political, an argument which has succeeded in a few cases in the past.

**'Not indiscriminate'**

Judge Sprizzo commented in his ruling: "We are not faced here with a situation in which a bomb was detonated in a department store, public tavern, or resort hotel causing indiscriminate personal injury, death and property damage."

"Such conduct would clearly be well beyond the parameters of what should properly be regarded as encompassed by the political-offences exception to the extradition treaty."

"Nor is this a case where violence was directed against a civilian representative of the government... or a case where the alleged political conduct was committed to a place other than the territory where political change was to be effected."

The death of Capt. Westmacott, while a most tragic event, occurred in the context of an attempted ambush of a British Army patrol.

"It was the British Army's response to that action that gave rise to Capt. Westmacott's death."

Judge Sprizzo went on: "Had this conduct occurred during the course of more traditional military hostilities, there could be little doubt that it would fall within the political offences exception."

"The only issue remaining, therefore, is does the political exception become inapplicable because the Provisional IRA is engaged in a more sporadic and informal mode of warfare?"

**'Organised and disciplined'**

He did not feel this was the case, remarking that the Provisional IRA "has both an organisation, discipline and command structure that distinguishes it from more amorphous groups such as the Black Liberation Army or the Red Brigades."

"Indeed, as the testimony established, its discipline and command structure operates even after its members are imprisoned and indeed, as Doherty testified, it was at the

## Commons Sketch

# House stands for Wakeham on crutches

By EDWARD PEARCE

MR BARNEY HEYHOE was struggling earnestly with one of those supplementary questions with which backbenchers delight to transfuse Treasury Ministers after the fashion of San Sebastian.

"Suddenly the doors of the House were opened and a cheer went up which would have fitted a Roman general back from subduing some tedious Celtic tribe."

Which in a sense he had: for Mr John Wakeham, Minister of State, was Mr John Wakeham.

With Mr. R. Hattersley, Minister of State, and both sides of the House on their feet in tribute, it was depressing to watch Mr Norman Atkinson, Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr Eric Heffer among a small scatter of Labour backbenchers who remained sullenly in their seats.

The days of horsewhipping someone on the steps of his club are, thankfully, over, and anyway Mr Skinner doesn't have a club: so perhaps one could be formed to house these soot-flecked malignants who say what they can to bring misanthropy into disrepute.

**'Dripping Butty'**

We might call it an analogy with 'the Beefsteak'—the Dripping Butty. Perhaps in future they might sleep there of an afternoon as a favour to the rest of us.

This episode rather broke up the difficult time the Treasury was having at the hands of its Conservative critics, Mr Patrick Cormack, "flushed" as he would say "with last night's victory," was exercising his grasp of the mint-bright metaphor of the Treasury.

"A storm in a teacup," he said, would be Wednesday's trouble compared with the prospective revolt if retirement lump sums were taxed.

Mr Cormack is conscious of the danger he poses. He and his friends are like the gremlins in Steven Spielberg's new film.

Once they were (Mr Cormack particularly) delightful, cuddly, affectionate creatures, "cute." I believe the word is.

Then, in the matter of university grants, they were fed after midnight, and a strange transformation turned them into clones of Beelzebub terrorising the town and burning the asphalt of the streets.

**Bloody Nigel**

The militant middle class with its comprehensive commitment to the localisable privileges of the upper income, percolates will be quite hard to stuff back into its cat basket.

Not that Mr Lawson does anything to make life easier for himself. He returned a reply to another of these inquirers after truth, Mr Robert McIndrie, so slyly in content and so substantial in matter as to invite the displeasure which followed.

"Mr Lawson has much the same talent for public relations and keeping people happy as Mary Tudor. Bloody Nigel, when pressed ardently by people who are on his side with the Tory party like Sir William Clark, tells them he has taken note of what they say."

The Lawson style in which integrity of purpose, scepticism about other people's icons and a cluttered intellect with words which he uses against meaning much as the police employ road blocks to stop cars, is not helping him.

News from the local government debate is not good, it continues, with every regional offensive churning happily on.

Some measure of the vibrant quality of the discourse may be gathered from the words of Mr Andrew Bennett. "What I want to know is under the new authorities who deals with an anarchist in Greater Manchester?"

Who knows, perhaps like Patrick Cormack it may get quite out of hand.

**Parliament—PS**

# THATCHER CRITICAL OF BBC

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

Political Staff

THE Prime Minister appeared to join in criticism yesterday of the BBC's expansion into new areas of broadcasting.

"A number of people will wonder why the BBC has taken on so many new programmes when their needs could be filled by other programmes," she said.

She was responding in the Commons to Mr Nicholas Rogers, Conservative MP for Rushmore, who said that advertising on BBC would change its nature.

He urged Mrs Thatcher to "look very carefully at the recent introduction of early-morning television and the local BBC radio stations, and ask why they cannot concentrate on those things which are most important to them."

**Active option**

Mrs Thatcher said she believed advertising could become an active option for raising revenue for the BBC "in the longer term."

She is sympathetic to advertising on BBC radio and television with some restrictions, but ruled out such a change in the current round of licence fee negotiations. The BBC has asked for a revised colour television fee of £85, an increase of 41 per cent.

Mrs Thatcher said Mr Brittan, the Home Secretary, had to consider that the fee was a compulsory levy on the television viewers whether they watch the BBC or a great deal or not. She added that he would have to balance the needs of the BBC with the interests of the licence fee payer.

**NUM 'ETHICS' CONCERN OVER RECEIVER**

By Our Industrial Staff

Miners' leaders in the North-East complained yesterday that the appointment of Mr John Arnold as official receiver in control of the NUM's assets raised "a question of ethics" because his firm is employed by two of the union's area organisations.

The Durham and Northumberland area councils, which manage their own finances within the NUM's federated structure, both say they use Mr Arnold's accountancy firm of Arthur Young, McClelland, Moore and Co. Delegates from the two areas, Mr Bill Stobbs (Durham) and Mr Dennis Murphy (Northumberland) were told at the NUM's national executive meeting in Sheffield to take the matter up at local level.

A spokesman for the receiver said last night that Mr Arnold had "obviously considered" his firm's audit work and had decided that there was no possible conflict of interest.

**CHIMNEY ALERT AFTER FUMES KILL COUPLE**

Two pensioners died of carbon monoxide poisoning in front of their coal fire, because their chimney had not been swept for years, Mr Hubert Hill, a solid fuel expert, told an inquest at Wakehamstown yesterday. Compacted soot in the chimney prevented fumes from escaping, but instead spilled back into the living room.

Mr Alan Smith, chief services engineer of Redbridge, which owns the council house of the dead couple in Verderers Road, Hainault, said that letters would be going to 12,000 council tenants warning them of the dangers.

Dr Harold Price, the coroner, recorded verdicts of accidental death on Henry Morris, 81, and May 75. He stressed that chimneys should be swept annually.

**SWISS U.N. VOTE MAY BE UPSET**

By Our Bern Correspondent

The Swiss Parliament in Bern completed yesterday its approval of a Government proposal to apply to join the United Nations. This is likely to be reversed in a popular referendum, perhaps in a year or two.

The Council of States, the Upper House, voted 24 to 16 in favour. The National Council or Lower House vote was 112 to 78 in March. Switzerland already belongs to nearly all the United Nations specialised agencies, but there is public reluctance to spend money on what appears to be many useless political enterprises.

**ARMY STALLS ON SALVADOR TRUCE**

By Our Correspondent in Guatemala City

The Guatemalan Army refused to state yesterday if it would respond to a rebel call for a Christmas ceasefire in the civil war in El Salvador.

Senator Oscar Reyes, Presidential representative, was quoted as saying the government would abide by a 72-hour ceasefire period. But guerrillas proposed, but Senator Cuellar, an Army spokesman, contradicted this, saying the high command would meet before the weekend to decide.

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